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IN HER MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE Actors portraying Britain's beloved Queen Elizabeth II and James Bond of Agent 007 fame team up to stun the 80,000 spectators at Olympic Stadium. They arrive via parachute on the roof of the stadium after jumping from a helicopter during the London 2012 Olympic Games' opening rites described as "wild like no other." Below, the view from the stadium illuminated by the spectacular fireworks.
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION REUTERS/TIMOTHY ROSE (INSET)

Royalty rocks Olympics

Queen stars in 'bloody brilliant' opening

LONDON—Shaken and stirred.

James Bond and the queen, making her film-acting debut, teamed up on Friday to give London a wild Olympic opening like no other.

And creative genius Danny Boyle turned the Olympic Stadium into a jukebox, crashing up world-beating rock from the Beatles, the Rolling Stones and The Who to send the planet a message: Britain, loud and proud is ready to roll.

To kick off a 17-day festival of sports, this was brilliant and cheeky. Now over to you, athletes.

Queen Elizabeth II, playing along with movie magic from director Boyle, provided the highlight of the Oscar-winner's high-adrenaline show. With Rio trickery, Boyle made it seem that Britain's beloved 86-year-old monarch and its most famous spy parachuted into the stadium together.

Daniel Craig as 007, the queen, playing herself, and her royal corgis starred in a short

ROYALTY A20

Poor Pinoy makes it in 'Bulaga' Indonesia

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BOLINAO, PANGASINAN—At a teenager in this northern coastal town, Leonardo Corsel walked every day from a small rented house to Barangay Arnedo to Cape Bolinao High School to attend his classes.

He dreamed of becoming a news anchor someday.

To his schoolmates and teachers, he was Dhong, the class valedictorian, dancer, singer, emcee, campus journalist and school play actor and director. To his family, he was Dudong, a smart and active kid, who was so full of determination to succeed.

Today, he is Leo Corsel, the only Filipino among the hosts of

POOR A20

Prosaic start for PH: Two archers make it to KO stage

By Antonio T. Ingracia Jr.
News Editor

LONDON—The Philippine campaign in the 30th Olympic Games here went off to a prosaic start Friday with the two Filipino archers making it to the lower half of their respective draws in the archery competitions.

Only a few hours before Friday's Opening Ceremonies brought the Olympics to London for the third time, Rachelle Anne Cabral completed a not-so-auspicious kickoff at the Lord's Cricket Grounds by placing 48th in the knockout stage of the women's draw.

That brought up Russia's Ksenia Stepanova, who ranked No. 17, as the Filipino archer's opponent in the first of the knockout rounds on the individual competition. The round starts on Tuesday.

Cabral finished the first half in 41st place with 318 points and faded in the second half with 309 for a total of 627. That was 44 points adrift of the two Koreans and one Taiwanese

PROSAIC A20

Independent, inspiring CJ with presence needed

By Margaux Salcedo
Columnist

(Editor's Note: The author, better known as food columnist for the Inquirer, was until 2010 the spokesperson of former President Joseph Estrada. She graduated in 2002 from Ateneo University Law School where she was also senior associate editor of Ateneo Law Journal.)

COMMENTARY

THROUGHOUT the stories of our history, we have survived as a people. But the integrity and credibility of institutions, including the judiciary, have suffered as casualties.

INDEPENDENT, A23

Athletes like models of fashion's big names

LONDON—Who said sportswear isn't chic? Ask the 2012 Olympic athletes who were like runway models walking the ramp.

The athletes' parade during Friday's opening ceremony might as well have been a catwalk show, with some of fashion's biggest names—Armani, Prada, Ralph Lauren, Stella McCartney—designing the team uniforms.

Many in the fashion industry are already calling this the most stylish Olympics ever.

The Italians must be some of the best-dressed athletes, scoring points with an un-

ATHLETES A23

PH steers off US' critical stance on garrison plan

By TJ Burgonio and Norman Bordadora

BANKING on diplomacy to resolve territorial disputes with China in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea), Malacañang is distancing itself from the US criticism of a Chinese plan to put up a garrison on a tiny island in a distant part of the disputed waters.

Prominent US senators on Thursday declared the Chinese move provocative and a possible violation of international law.

US State Department spokesperson Victoria Nuland said the United States was pressing all parties to work on

PH STEERS, A10

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LP-UNA coalition talks still on

By Christian V. Esguerra

EFFORTS are under way to resurrect the proposed coalition between the Liberal Party (LP) and the United Nationalist Alliance (UNA) to come up with a unified senatorial ticket in next year's elections.

A senior political leader privy to the discussions said former President Joseph Estrada, a member of UNA's "Big 4," remained in contact with Malacañang through Presidential Political Adviser Ronald Llamas on the proposal.

Estrada said he had been personally cold by Llamas that President Aquino, considered boss of the LPtas not rejected the proposal.

Estrada shares the UNA leadership with Vice President Jejomar Binay and former President Joseph Ejercito Estrada.

"I think it's stillalive," said Macalintal, referring to the proposed coalition. Estrada told the business in Filipino that the last time he discussed the matter with Llamas was during the President's State of the Nation Address (Sona) on July 23.

"We saw each other during the Sona. He said the President had not turned it down, that the matter was not yet closed."

The proposed LP-UNA coalition remained "alive and is still under consideration," said another LP-UNA informant, who asked not to be named for lack of authority to discuss the matter in public.

But he said that one possible stumbling block was the presence of personalities identified with former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in UNA's senatorial lineup: Ex-Sen. Juan Miguel Cobbe and Candidate Rep. Milagros "Mitzi" Magsaysay.

"I think the LP cannot stomach Mitzi and Migz, but especially Mitzi because of her closeness to the President," the source said in Filipino.

The source said that part of the proposal is unite the LP and UNA was to evenly divide 6-6 the slots for the 12-cornersenatorial slates.

One known objector to this proposal is Senate Majority Leader Vicente Sotto III, a senior member of the Nationalist People's Coalition (NPC). He has said that an LP-UNA coalition would effectively "disenfranchise" other prospective senatorial candidates. The NPC is also in talks with the LP on a possible coalition.

According to Estrada, he told Llamas that he personallyfor a coalition was "done in good faith" and that it would be "a big boost for P-Noy because it would be a first in the history of Philippine politics."

Estrada said that having a unified slate would save campaign money for both LP and UNA candidates and would provide the President with a formula "he can control." He said the alliance could also be limited to the 2013 elections.

Where it comes to the 2016 elections, "baka-iiba na (It's a free for all)," he said.

UNA is expected to field Vice President Binay as its standard-bearer in 2016.

Heeding the President's signal on the proposed coalition, Estrada and UNA would go on to complete its senatorial slate. So far, he said eight slots had been filled with the entry of former Sen. Richard Gordon.

Hectic Pampanga visit tires GMA; Palace says she's free to run

SAN FERNANDO, Pampanga—Arroyo arrived to her home for a long night's rest, Pelayo said.

When she was President, Arroyo's one-hour visits to Pampanga usually included five to six events at different locations. She would usually address the barangay hall and adjacent daycare center although she acknowledged the crowd with a wave. She won a soft sell, hence. She distributed calendars to groups of children before heading back to Manila.

At Bebo Imani Elementary School in Porac on Friday, Arroyo addressed the crowd, assuring residents of farm projects while fronting as running again for Congress in 2013.

Her supporters embraced her, held and kissed her hands.

"She's hardheaded. She should not be trying herself too much. What she must do is rest," said Candaba Mayor Jerry Pelayo.

After the Porac visit,

Joker: Enrile, Belmonte going against tribunal

By Norman Bordadora

SEN. JOKER Arroyo yesterday said he was "ill at ease" over Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile's and Speaker Feliciano Belmonte's decision to pull out Congress' representation in the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC), calling the move "unfortunate" in defying the Supreme Court.

Arroyo said that just as the Supreme Court accepted Congress' removal through impeachment of Chief Justice Renato Corona in May the legislative branch should similarly take it within the high tribunal's discretion in the course of its constitutional duty to interpret the Constitution.

"This developed as a former representative of the Senate to the JBC, Sen. Francis Pangilinan, called on the constitutional body to "take the necessary steps to try and resolve first the current conflict before proceeding with the voting."

"This is tantamount to defying the Supreme Court," Arroyo said in a telephone interview.

Arroyo said that whenever a removal person invited to non-confidential inquiry refused to attend, there was always the threat of being cited for contempt by the chamber.

"What's sauce for the goose must be sauce for the gander," Arroyo said.

The JBC on Friday announced that there would be no voting scheduled on Monday after Enrile and Belmonte announced Congress' boycott of the JBC deliberations.

"Without the participation of the legislature it would cast a cloud of doubt on the validity of the entire proceeding," Pangilinan said.

"The must be avoided at all costs, considering that no less than the position of Chief Justice is at stake here. If) JBC members must pause and think this through and work toward a win-win solution in the interest impasse," he said.

Arroyo's remarks come in the wake of Enrile's and Belmonte's order to Sen. Francis Escudero and Iloilo Rep. Niel Tupas to skip the JBC deliberations to choose the nominees for the short list for Chief Justice.

Escudero and Tupas are the representatives of the Senate and the House, respectively, in the JBC.

They are the chairs of the committees on justice in their respective chambers.

The Supreme Court recently decided that there should only be one representative of the legislative branch in the JBC.

Congress filed a motion for reconsideration but the Supreme Court ruling also drew the harsh reactions of the congressional representatives to pull out of the discussions.

The JBC wrapped up its interviews of nominees on Friday and is expected to start deliberations on Monday. This was until the congressional leaders decided to pull out. Escudero and Tupas said.

"A motion for reconsideration by the Senate of the high court's decision is certainly in order. Likewise, it is in order for the Senate to ask the JBC to suspend proceedings until the Supreme Court resolves the issue," Arroyo said.

"But a boycott is not the remedy. It is even improper," he added.

Arroyo said Congress should set the example in obeying the Supreme Court's decisions and "adherence to the time-honored principle of separation of powers." With a report from Sara Quimosing

Cayetano set to deliver minority's 'contra-Sona'

By Norman Bordadora

SENATE Minority Leader Alan Peter Cayetano will deliver a "contra-Sona"—the Senate minority's view of what was missing in President Aquino's recently delivered State of the Nation Address—despite his being a show-in for the administration's sonamental ticker in 2013.

Cayetano said the Senate minority's report would not be a counter-argument to the Chief Executive's speech before a joint session of Congress last Monday but listed down what the minority believed were what remained to be accomplished by the administration.

"Good as the contra-Sona is a means to help that administration rather than pull it down," Cayetano said in a text message. "Contra-Sona is the technical name but actually it's not the intention."

He added, "If (President Aquino's) Sona was [rated] by just in the Blue, the minority report, or contra-Sona, would be the Orange."

Cayetano, of the Nacionalista Party, said the planned coalition between his party and President Aquino's Liberal Party was all "but a formality." (See related story on Page A2.)

Aside from the ruling LP and the NP led by Sen. Manuel Villar, the administration's powerhouse coalition also includes the Nationalist People's Coalition of businessman Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco.

"The coalition is just a formality of the past two years of the LP and the NP working together under a critical collaborative and cooperation accord," Cayetano said.

He said the NP "helps where programs are good, criticizes and gives good suggestions if they can be improved, brings up issues when it is in the national interest, yet the administration has no yet it here and now."

Cayetano said "We have discovered in the last two years that the LP and NP are eye-to-eye on many issues.

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'Gener' raises signal up north

By DJ Yap
and Jhunrex Napallacan, Inquirer Visayas

PUEBLO: storm signal No. 1 was raised yesterday over Isabela and Cagayan provinces, including Batanes, as the Babuyan group of islands, also a few peasant areas east of Luzon, Catanduanes, intensified into a tropical storm.

Named "Gener" (international name: Sanba), the storm was tracked at 1 p.m., some 250 kilometers northeast of Virac, according to the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (Pagasa). It was packing maximum sustained winds of 65 kilometers per hour, and gusts of up to 80 kph. It was moving northwest at a speed of 15 kph.

Pagasa forecaster Benjie de Paz said Gener "is expected to enhance the southwest monsoon and bring heavy rains over southern Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao, especially its western section."

Gener is not expected to make landfall based on current projections. "But we are not discounting the possibility that it might make landfall," rainfall specialist Shawn Arinejo said by phone.

The weather bureau alerted residents of low-lying and mountainous areas in southern Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao to possible flash floods and landslides.

Estimated rainfall amount is from 15-25 mm per hour (heavy intensity) within the 400 km diameter of the tropical depression, Pagasa said.

Fishing boats and other small sea craft were advised not to venture out in sea due to the combined effect of Gener and the southwest monsoon.

Tornado in Bohol

In Bohol, about 85 houses and 13 pump boats were damaged in Friday morning when a tornado struck four coastal barangays in Jagna town.

Based on a report by the Jagna Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (DRRMC), the whirlwind hit the coastal barangays of Cambigsa, Bunga Mar, Camagay and Igpit at about 11 a.m. during a heavy downpour.

The families affected reportedly evacuated to houses of relatives nearby.

The pumpboats destroyed were estimated to be worth at least P1.3 million.

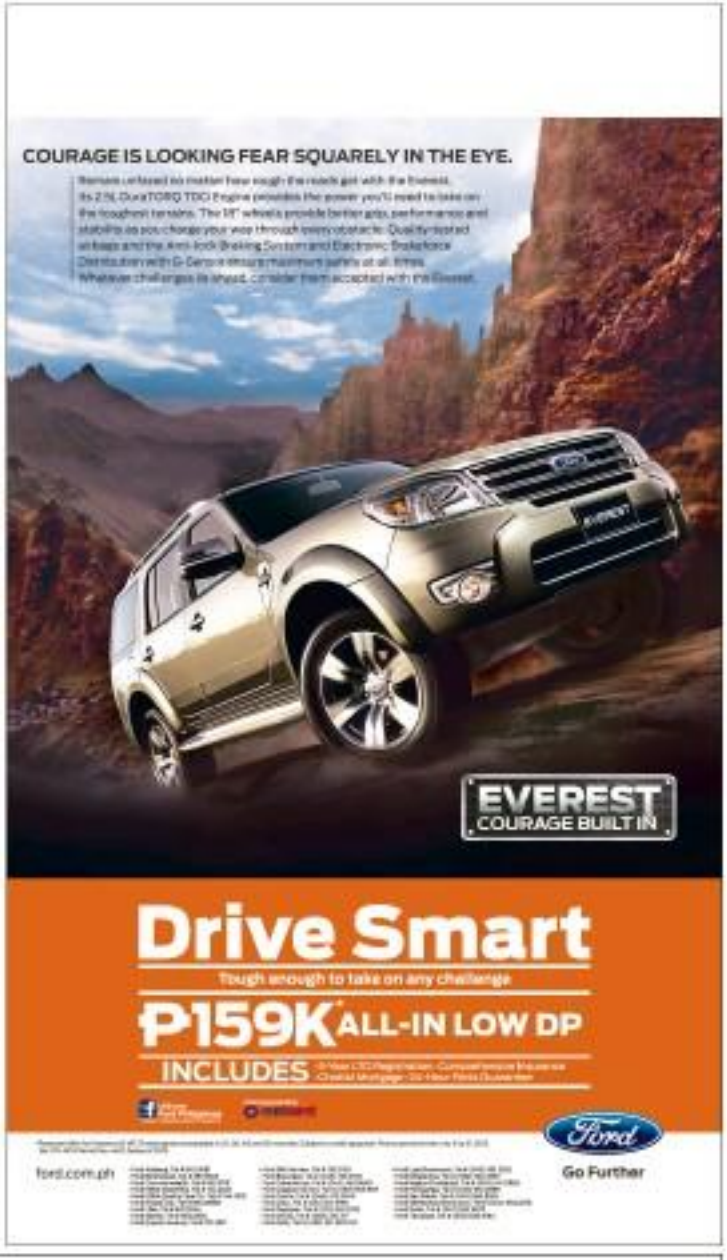
Harmy Orias, MDRRMC personnel, said some residents mistook the whirlwind for a commotion in the sky that suddenly hit the ground. Houses made of light materials were uprooted, Orias added.

Bohol Gov. Edgar Chatto, Vice Gov. Concepcion Liu and personnel from Department of Social Welfare and Development were in the affected areas to distribute relief goods.

Weather forecaster Shy Arriaga of Pagasa-Cebu said tornados can occur because of thick cloudformation clouds triggered by accelerated southwest monsoon or habagat.

Barangay Can-upao was worst hit with 43 damaged houses followed by Bunga Mar, 39; Camagay, 5; and Igpit, 1.

That morning, Gener is expected to be 210 km east northeast of Casiguran, Aurora. By Monday morning, 400 km north northeast of Casiguran, Aurora, and on Tuesday morning, 390 km north northeast of Basco, Batanes, Pagasa said.



Recruiter of maid earns Binay's ire

By Tarra Quismundo

TICC President Jejomar Binay has vowed to prosecute the recruiter of a Filipina migrant worker who was illegally deployed to Jordan and experienced abuse at the hands of her employers.

Binay, chair of the Presidential Task Force Against Illegal Recruitment and Its Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking, said he would instruct that Unwanted International Manpower Services and its associates answer for what happened to Diana Castillo, 24, who was recruited as a skilled worker but who (Sic) but was instead flown to Amman, Jordan, and made to work as a domestic helper.

Castillo told Binay she was abused and starved by her employers, prompting her to escape from the third floor of a building. She tied blankets and pillow cases to make a rope but fell, breaking her leg and damaging her liver. She spent three months in a hospital there.

"We will go after those involved in Diana's recruitment. Although all her documents were for Abu Dhabi, she was sent to Jordan," Binay said in a statement.

Castillo, a native of Tiaong, Quezon, made it home with Binay's assistance and went to see him at the Coconut Palace upon her arrival in Manila on Friday.

The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has placed Unwanted International Manpower Services under preventive suspension.

Binay recommended that the POEA look into Unwanted's possible liability for human trafficking.

Relating her experience to Binay, Castillo said her ordeal at the hands of her employers started soon after she arrived in Amman.

"I had only been there for two days when they started abusing me. They would spit on my food before feeding it to me," Castillo said in a statement released by the Office of the Vice President.

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Charges vs GMA 7 execs junked

A CRIMINAL complaint filed against three of its executives in connection with an episode of the program "Imbestigador" which aired on Jan. 29, 2011, has been dismissed. GMA Network Inc. has announced.

In a five-page resolution, Caloocan City Prosecutor Al-bert Carreon junked the multiple charges filed against GMA 7 chair and chief executive officer Felipe L. Gozon, news anchor Mike Enriquez and Imbestigador segment producers Jolin Caballero for insufficiency of evidence.

The respondents were accused of kidnapping, libel, physical injury, frustrated homicide, robbery, obstruction of justice, illegal arrest, abuse of authority, abuse of authority, violation of Republic Act 7610 and estafa by complainant Daniel Orijuela, who was held in an entrapment operation at his office by the National Bureau of Investigation for alleged illegal medical practice.

The entrapment was subsequently aired on the GMA primetime news magazine program.

The case stemmed from a complaint by Francisco Elmaguer Jr., a parent diagnosed with stage 4 prostate cancer, who was offered treatment by Orijuela with the use of his "antibody treatment" machine in November 2010.

Orijuela promised the machine would stop pain and tax, grant body conditions, and kill any cancer in a run. Orijuela suggested the two-month use of the treatment machine, inclusive of food supplements, for P500,000.

Francisco Elmaga Jr. submitted paying the reduced price of P50,000 to let father avail trial. Instead of the machine, the two treatments was cut short when the younger Elmaga failed to pay the negotiated amount.

Gozon argued in his counter-affidavit that Imbestigador did not commit libel because what was broadcast was a true and true account of Orijuela's conduct and activities, which were matters of public concern, he said. Orijuela's detention was a result of a valid and lawful arrest due to his illegal practice of medicine.

The program's host Enriquez said he had justifiable motives and good intent in reporting the report in exercising his constitutional rights. He also said that what was aired were straight, fair and true reports of verified facts and that Orijuela himself did not contest the accuracy of the segment.

Caballero said he did not deprive Orijuela of his liberty, nor did he defraud or inflict violence against his person. He reasoned out that there was no libel because the show conducted a thorough investigation of Orijuela's activities prior to airing.

Gozon said there was insufficient evidence for libel because Orijuela failed to present a witness who had seen or heard the alleged defamatory statements made against his person. He said "the recommendation of libelous matter to the person defamed does not amount to publication, for that cannot injure his reputation."

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Bikers get helmet break

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE IMPLEMENTATION of stricter rules on the kinds of helmet motorcycle owners are allowed to use has been deferred to give the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) more time to accredit different brands of the enacted today.

In a statement, the Department of Transportation and Communications (DOTC) said it directed the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to defer enforcement of the motorcycle Helmet Act of 2009 and its implementing rules and regulations.

The decision to defer was in line with the DTI's request to give them more time to inspect all the helmets that are coming in the country. DTI wants to ensure that all the helmets bear the Import Commodity Clearance (ICC) seal issued by the Bureau of Products Standard.

DTI argued that it is unfair to penalize the end of the year to complete inspection on the helmet law and is still a reduced nationwide.

"We want to ensure the orderly implementation of the Helmet Law with the safety of the riding public as our foremost objective," Transport Secretary Mar Roxas said.

The decision to defer the law's implementation comes after complaints by motorcycle owners, who said they were not given enough time to have their helmets inspected to be able to get ICC marks. The helmet law went into effect on the start of this month.

Starting Aug. 1 until the end of the year, the DOTC likewise directed the LTO to instruct its enforcers to issue reminders to motorcycle drivers of the same.

In cooperation with other pertinent government and private agencies and organizations, the LTO will conduct aggressive public information and education campaigns on the matter during the period covered, no punitive measures such as the issuance of citation tickets would be done.

The DOTC said the helmet law would be implemented strictly starting Jan. 1 of next year. Motorcycle drivers caught driving without the protective helmet bearing the ICC seal will be issued citation tickets and penalized as stated in Helmet Act of 2009.

The IRR of the Helmet Law was stipulated in the joint administrative order crafted by the DOTC and LTO, requiring motorcycle drivers and riders to use protective motorcycle helmets with PS and ICC seals.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday • July 28, 2013
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44
Ikinuha ni Eliseo ang

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing bread and some sesame seeds to Elisha. These were from the first part of the harvest, twenty barley loaves and sesame. Elisha told him, "Give the loaves to those who are hungry."

His servant said to him, "How can I be able to do this? How can so many men have their meal?" Elisha insisted, "Give them to the men that they may eat, for Yahweh says: They shall eat and have some left over." So the servant set them before them; and they ate and had some left, as Yahweh had said.

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6
Kasama ang

I, the prisoner of Christ, urge you to live by vocation you have received. Be humble, kind, patient, and bear with one another in love.

Make every effort to keep among you the unity of Spirit through bonds of peace. For there is one body and one spirit, for God, in calling you, gave the same hope to all. One Lord, one faith, one baptism. One God, the Father of all, who is above all and works through all and is in all.

Gospel: John 6:1-15
Pinarami ang mga Tao

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, near Tiberias. A large crowd followed him because of the miraculous signs they saw when he healed the sick. So he went up into the hills and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand.

Then lifting up his eyes, Jesus saw the crowds that were coming to him and said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread so that these people may eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Two hundred silver coins would not buy enough bread for each of them to have a piece."

Then one of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there, so the people, about five thousand men, sat down to rest. Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks and distributed them to those who were seated; he did the same with the fish and gave them as much as they wanted. And when they had eaten enough, he told his disciples, "Gather up the pieces left over, that nothing may be lost."

So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with bread, that is with pieces of the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten.

When the people saw this sign that Jesus had just given, they said, "This is really the Prophet, he who is to come into the world." Jesus realized that they would come and take him by force to make him king, so he fled to the hills by himself.

Read 1
+ Luke 6:1-15 Jesus finds the crowds, so does spirit.

Reflect
+ Jesus is concerned not only for the spiritual needs of his followers but also their physical and psychological needs. When Jesus multiplied the loaves and fish, he did not only feed the people physical hunger for their souls to be content for one another and sense of communion as well. Does our appreciation satisfy all aspects of living life fully as children of God?

Pray
+ Pray for those who are suffering that people may unite to address this problem as one community.

Act
+ The celebration of the Eucharist always includes hearing some teaching of Jesus. Listen carefully to the preaching and see how it can apply in your daily life.

P-Noy slams news delivery during TV network's bash

By TJ Burgonio

POTY CHEST chosen a "Magandang gabi, bayan (Good evening, nation)" when you're dishing out bad news?

President Aquino on Friday night lashed out at reporters, producers and staff of ABS-CBN's "TV Patrol" by highlighting the negative in their early evening news program during the show's silver anniversary celebration at the Manila Hotel.

Mr. Aquino was particularly offending to the program's news anchor duo, former Vice President Noli de Castro, whom he criticized for what he called his skeptical, out-of-place smile remarks about otherwise good stories by the field reporters.

Mr. Aquino said that in October 2011, the program aired a story about a 200-percent spike in passenger arrivals at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 3.

'Good news'

"This is good news. In spite of this, one of your news anchors managed to comment, and I quote, 'Pero Noy, I'm not living very far from T-1, dun madala (That's because you're in Nala 3. If you were in Nala 1, it's terrible there),'" he said.

"It made me wonder, what has the airport done? Nala 3 got to do with Nala 1? Has anybody said Nala has been fixed? If someone did, it's not us. Perhaps he has forgotten the structure is 50 years old," the President said in Filipino.

"It got me to thinking: Didn't the commentator hold the reins of government for six years? Let's say they only inherited the problem. But what does passed on to us in a month older problem. He had been given six years to help fix the problem he's complaining about. And now that we're dealing with the problem, we still hear comments like that and it hurts," the President said.

Praise for 'TV Patrol'

Mr. Aquino quite belies the secret of ABS-CBN's success, led by chair and chief executive officer Eddie Lopez, president Charo Santos-Concio and news and current affairs division head Ging Reyes as well as officials and staff of "TV Patrol" in the hotel's Fiesta Pavilion.

Mr. Aquino started off on a light note, extolling how as a youngster, he used to tune in to "Radyo Patrol" for instant news especially when the power had been cut off in the area.

He praised "TV Patrol" for its courage and determination to bring news and information to the public, especially in times of disasters, for the past 25 years and listing the names of acclaimed reporting veterans and dashing in the realm of the public about certain issues."

But for most of his speech, he zeroed in on De Castro's remarks on some of the stories, including last month's increase of an idolized Burmese boy by the National Bureau of Investigation and the dialogue between Transportation Secretary Mar Roxas and public transport drivers on the Transport Strike.

Burmese boy rescue

The rescue had all the elements of a good story. The authorities got a tip, and they acted on it, rescuing the victim and the boy was reunited with his parents, Mr. Aquino said.

"And [De Castro] was happy enough say another who managed to remark that maybe the rescue operation was set up and that a ransom was paid," Mr. Aquino said.

"So many bats the reporter explained the opposition—that the NBI conducted its own surveillance and I had they had chained upon the boy without anybody guarding him—the anchor kept pushing his point," he said.

"Surely while patrolling every nook and cranny of the country, you'd stumble upon a positive story that would be a source of inspiration and hope for our countrymen. It's doubtful that if you ate this news, the TV and radio sets of your end listeners would go on fire," the President said.

He clarified that he was not asking the networks to prepare a good image of the administration but to present a balance of good and bad news.

THE ROMANS at four of the 10 fewer Rangers killed in Saturday, Basilan, are escorted by their colleagues to the Philippine Air Force car-to-plane that would fly them to Manila where they will be awarded military honors.

Abu Sayaff using land row to sow unrest—gov

By Julie Alipala
Inquirer Mindanao

ZAMBOANGA CITY—The Abu Sayyaf appears to be exploiting to its advantage agrarian unrest in Basilan, fuelling the strife being filled to grow rubber plants by the Isabelanong Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Development Coop. Inc. (IARBDC).

Gov. Wilgo Hataman of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) said that some disgruntled coop workers had attacked in the latest group) and may have sexually joined in cattle.

He said that in addition, some workers had been accused of stealing rubber sap in the past.

"The conflict in the rubber cooperatives is deeper. It is related to the agrarian reform issue," Hataman said.

Clash for rubber

On Thursday, government troops clashed with Abu Sayyaf gunmen, leaving 10 soldiers dead and 17 others wounded. Army officials said among the bandits were disgruntled workers.

Hataman said that prior to the clash, he had told 104th Brigade commander Col. Gilbert Asp to handle the problem with "utmost" care, "because while we want the armed elements pursued, we also want the problem on agrarian reform solved."

Jerry Adriano, a human rights worker with the group Kahapan Basilan, refused Hataman, saying that some of the armed men who fought the soldiers resented the government's decision to award the land they were claiming "to outsiders."

They were the original land claimants, he said.

"These people became desperate. The rebel owners of the land had no knowledge of the processes so, as they claim, they were taken advantage of," Adriano said.

Faha Barok, Tarbuhd manager, and two of the armed men the soldiers clashed with on Thursday said to be with the coop. "Wilma Wahil and Jahair Kerong Adman were former officials of Tarbuhd," he said.

Kasdo said the former workers were either terminated or had resigned and later joined the Abu Sayyaf. In the case of Bakal, he said, the former coop officer resigned after he was accused of murder.

Message for attacks on workers

Col. Randolph Cabangbang, spokesperson of the Western Mindanao Command, said there could never be a justification for the attacks that also targeted ordinary coop workers.

"They lost in the assets but that should not be used as an excuse for attacking those to whom the lands were awarded to," he said.

Cabangbang said the military would not distinguish between "disgruntled workers" and Abu Sayyaf terrorists as enemies.

Cabangbang said soldiers were now securing areas where the armed men might have fled while securing plantation employees in Basilan, especially the ones that the Abu Sayyaf had previously harassed or had threatened.

"The combat operation is continuing," he said.

Brig. Gen. Ramon Cruz, commander of the 1st Infantry Division, said fresh troops had been sent to Basilan to boost the operation against the rebel group.

"Another battalion will be pulled out of Zamboanga Sibugay to be deployed there in a month's time," he said.

Agusan town to fight to keep 'Lolong'

BAYUGAN CITY—The plan of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to transfer "Lolong" the giant crocodile to the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center in Quezon City was met with opposition from the mayor of Bunawan, Agusan del Sur.

Environment Secretary Ramon Paje is said he said they were studying the feasibility of transferring Lolong, the 20.3-foot saltwater crocodile captured in Bunawan last year, to the 22.7-hectare park in Quezon City.

Merelita Lim, director of the Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau, said there would be no legal issue if Bayugan wished to take custody of Lolong, as the reptile belongs to the national government.

But Bunawan Mayor Edwin Elorde yesterday said he would vigorously oppose the plan.

"We would never agree to that," he told the Inquirer in a phone interview. "But there is no official request yet and they have not asked if we [Bunawan's local government] would agree or not."

Elorde said he is scheduled to meet with DENR officials next week but Lolong's transfer is not among the topics up for discussion.

"I will first have to consult my constituents but if you ask me, I totally won't agree," he said.

Lolong was trained after crocodile hunter Ernesto "Lolong" Grasser, who suffered a stroke days before his team captured the crocodile in the Agusan Marsh.

Elorde said the largest crocodile in captivity should remain in his town because Bunawan residents had extract tremendous efforts, from capturing the reptile to building a large pen in the hotel's town park.

Besides, Lolong has proven to be a catch machine for the once sleepy town, he said.

"Business has started to grow, there are now many transport vehicles and even a modest hotel is currently under construction," Elorde said. Antonio Jay Santos, Inquirer Mindanao

After rice, veggies target of self-sufficiency by gov't

By DJ Yap

FILIPINOS may be picky eaters of greens, but by 2016, they should have their fill of straw (string beans) and kalabasa (squash) and other vegetables grown around the chaotic song "Bahay Kubo."

More rice, our next focus is to achieve self-sufficiency in vegetables," Agriculture Secretary Proceso J. Alcala said at the recent 18th National Vegetable Congress in Baguio City.

In a statement, Alcala said the Department of Agriculture (DA) through its High Value Crops Development Program (HVCDP) is aiming to increase domestic self-sufficiency in vegetables from 65 percent to 100 percent and beyond within four years.

Food security

Food security is a priority of the Aquino administration, with top self-sufficiency targets in rice, corn and fish. In the 2012 State Address on July 23, the President underlined his administration's goal of making the Philippines a rice exporter.

Days ago, Alcala said, the administration has been working to match and directly link farmers' groups with wholesale market traders and institutional buyers, Alcala said.

The aim is to provide a comfortable profit to producers and sellers as well as a regular supply of reasonable-priced, safe and good quality vegetables for consumers, he said.

For example, agriculture officials have been meeting with major vegetable traders from the Divisoria wholesale market in Metro Manila to determine their vegetable supply and demand requirements, Alcala said.

The information will then be relayed to farmers' cooperatives and groups, allowing them to schedule their production, harvest and delivery operations, he said.

But Filipinos, traditional meat-eaters, are not eating the required daily vegetable serving size requirements.

The recommended daily per capita consumption is estimated at 90 kilos, equivalent to an annual requirement of 2.8 million metric tons of vegetables for roughly 95 million Filipinos, Alcala said.

"Such a consumption level is just one-fourth of the recommended dietary requirement of 146 kilos per year, according to the World Health Organization," he said.

At the vegetable congress, Alcala urged the participants to forge marketing agreements with institutional buyers and consumers, and thereafter plan their respective production and harvest schedules for each commodity.

Alternative farming areas

"This should be done to obtain reasonable profits and more importantly avoid an oversupply and sudden drop in prices," he said.

The DA is also identifying alternative areas that are less vulnerable to flooding and drought and able to produce vegetables year round or when it is off season in traditional farming areas like Benguet, Nueva Ecija and Bukidnon, he said.

This year, the DA through the HVCDP has allotted P645 million, or about half of the program's P1.3-billion budget, to undertake several initiatives to restore and prop up the country's vegetable industry, it similar budget is proposed next year.

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Disabled got little help in '10 polls–SWS

LESS than half (43 percent) of persons with disabilities (PWDs) who voted in the May 2010 elections received assistance during voting, according to a recent survey by the Social Weather Stations (SWS).

The survey, conducted from Dec. 3 to 7 last year, found that of the respondents who voted (244 persons), less than half across all types of disability received assistance: 45 percent among the "visually impaired," 44 percent among the "orthopedically impaired," and 42 percent among the "hearing/speech impaired."

The survey was conducted in support of the Disability-inclusive Elections initiative aimed at increasing the participation of PWDs in elections." SWS said in a statement released yesterday.

On the kind of assistance they received, 38 percent said they had help in looking for their names in the voters list, 36 percent in shading the ballots, 35 percent in getting ahead of queues, and 13 percent in dropping the ballots in ballot boxes.

Among those who received help in shading the ballot, 77 percent were assisted by family members, 11 percent were assisted by members of the Board of Election Inspectors or watchers, and 8 percent by poll watchers.

Respondents who were assisted in shading the ballot were then asked: "How much or how little confidence do you have that the candidates shaded in the ballot pressed in the machine by the person who assisted you are the candidates you prefer?" Eighty-three percent said they had "very much confidence" and 14 percent had "fairly confidence" that the candidates shaded in the ballot or pressed in the machine by the person who assisted them were the candidates they prefer. Thirty persons were undecided.

The survey used face-to-face interviews of 1,200 persons with disabilities and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points for national percentages. Inquirer Research

DOLE sends child laborers back to school

AFTER years working on sugarcane farms in Iloilo, several child laborers are going back to school.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said the government has provided 52 parents in San Enrique, Iloilo, with almost P400,000 in livelihood grants so they won't have to send their children to work in sugar fields anymore.

"The parents promised to return their children to school, where they really belong," said Baldoz, who commended the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region VI (Western Visayas) office for its Child Labor Prevention program.

Most poor families in San Enrique put their children to work to augment the family income. These children work long hours in sugar plantations, leaving little time for school.

Poverty and the lack of livelihood opportunities have been recognized as among the factors that lead parents to put their children to work. Some types of labor endanger the children's lives.

Baldoz, who recently visited Barangay Arsenio in Roxas City, Negros Occidental, where she witnessed the removal of 130 working children from sugarcane farms and their return to school through DOLE assistance, said the P397,000 would enable the parents of the child laborers of San Enrique to start livelihood enterprises that could earn them additional income.

Giving a report by Regional Director Nenecio Lagunzo, Baldoz said the 52 parents will use the DOLE assistance to produce organic fertilizer and engage in food processing.

In this latest effort to curb child labor, the DOLE regional office worked with the Educational Research and Development Assistance Foundation and the Iloilo State College of Fisheries (San Enrique Campus) to identify the parents of child laborers in the town.

Tina G. Santos

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2012	C 200 Avantgarde	Black	5,000 kms
2012	C 200 Avantgarde	Black	4,180 kms
2012	C 200 Avantgarde	M. Black	3,300 kms
2011	C 200 Avantgarde	Brown	11,000 kms
2010	C 200 Avantgarde	P. Silver	38,180 kms
2009	C 200	Black	26,000 kms
2008	C 200	Black	12,680 kms
2009	C 220 CDI	Cubanite Silver	63,400 kms
1995	C 220 Elegance	Silver	128,380 kms
2011	C 250 Avantgarde	Silver	7,500 kms
2009	C 320 CDI	Tenorite Grey	68,000 kms
2009	C 350 Avantgarde AMG	Iridium Silver	30,000 kms
2008	C 350 Avantgarde AMG	White	32,000 kms
2008	C 350 Avantgarde AMG	Black	65,000 kms
2007	C 550	White	73,000 kms
2012	E 250 Avantgarde	P. Silver	2,000 kms
2011	E 250 CDI Elegance	Indigolite Blue	2,800 kms
2011	E 250 Elegance	Beige	13,000 kms
2010	E 250 Avantgarde	Beige	7,900 kms
2007	E 280 Elegance	Silver	70,000 kms
2012	E 300 Avantgarde	Tanzanite Blue	3,300 kms
2011	E 300 Avantgarde	Indigolite Blue	7,200 kms
2011	E 300 Avantgarde	Brown	6,000 kms
2010	E 300 Avantgarde	Tanzanite Blue	18,000 kms
2004	E 300 Elegance	Silver	72,000 kms
2002	E 240	Beige	93,000 kms
2011	S 280	White	6,480 kms
2011	S 350	P. Bronze	22,080 kms
2006	S 500	C. Black	25,000 kms
2003	S 350	Black	22,700 kms
2011	CLC 180 Coupe	Tenorite Grey	5,000 kms
2012	GLK 200	White	750 kms
2012	CLS 550	White	950 kms
2010	CLS 63 AMG	Silver	4,800 kms
2008	CLS 350	Iridium Grey	60,000 kms
2011	GLK 220 CDI	Tenorite Grey	9,600 kms
2011	GLK 220 CDI	Silver	5,200 kms
2010	GLK 220 CDI	White	19,200 kms
2007	Viano	Silver	37,700 kms
2007	Viano	Lugano Grey	44,800 kms
2012	Sprinter	Special Black	3,600 kms
Chrysler			
2012	Town and Country	Silver	2,800 kms
2011	Town and Country	Blackberry	7,200 kms
2011	Town and Country	Silver	1,700 kms
2011	Town and Country	Silver	15,900 kms
2009	Town and Country	Red	25,900 kms
2010	300C HEMI	White	26,900 kms
2010	300C HEMI Touring	Silver	21,900 kms
2007	Pacifica	Silver	28,500 kms
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2011	Grand Cherokee 3.6L V6	White	6,800 kms
2011	Commander CRD	Black	29,800 kms
2009	Commander 5.7L V8	Green	37,500 kms
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2011	Durango	Gray	10,900 kms
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Chinese fishing boats leave, officials say

By Redempto D. Anda
Inquirer Southern Luzon

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Three cargo holds stuffed with live corals and marine species, the crews of Chinese fishing boats escaped down on the north around Pag-asa Island early this week hoped heading back to mainland China on favorable, according to municipal and defense officials.

Of the 10 large fishing boats that anchored off the reefs near Pag-asa on Tuesday, only two remained there on Saturday, municipal government officials on the island said.

Most have returned to mainland China after gathering corals in the area, according to Mayor Eugenio Bito-onon of Kalayaan town, which governs Pag-asa and four reefs in Philippine-claimed areas in the Spratlys.

Philippine Navy forces on board the two remaining boats began moving away from the island Saturday afternoon.

"Ah, are not certain if they are leaving for good but only a few boats remained on the area yesterday," said Lt. Col. Ariel Parrella, spokesperson for the military's Western Command.

Lucky Star Bito-onon said only two Chinese fishing vessels remained visible from Pag-asa, and even the two showed signs that they were preparing to leave.

"That's our last monitoring in the area," Parrella said. "They were in transit since early yesterday. By this time, it is possible that they are no longer in the area."

"We still don't know where they are going," Parrella said. "The weather is bad here at the moment and the seas are rough."

Bito-onon said he had instructed the municipal officials stationed on the island to begin assessing the extent of the damage inflicted by the Chinese fishers on the reefs in the area.

He said the area where most of the Chinese boats had congregated had the most extensive coral reefs within the island's immediate surroundings.

Bito-onon said the municipal government would immediately coordinate with the Coral Triangle Initiative, a marine conservation program jointly undertaken by six countries in the Asia-Pacific region that straddle the Coral Triangle.

The Isla Pandan Natural Park alliance Pamalinong Lahas ng Kilusang Mamamayang ng Pilipinas Dhindahilapat protested the coral mining by the Chinese, and demanded that China pull its coral-collecting vessels out of Philippine waters.

On a press conference, Pamalinong convenor Rene Fernando "Renee" said the "arrogant act of the Chinese government" did not only destroy the ecology and biodiversity of the West Philippine Sea, but it also represented a "wholesale attack on the collective sovereignty and national patrimony of nearly 100 million Filipinos."

Fernando called on Chinese and the Spratlys "unwarranted phooley" and said China's actions would not help in finding a solution to the territorial disputes in the West Philippine Sea.

Party-list Rep. Teodoro Casiño called on China to stop destroying the coral reefs in Philippine territory. With a report from Philip C. Salaver

PH steers off US' critical stance

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a code of conduct for the West Philippine Sea, and was entertained by "unilateral moves."

Noland said, "There's a concern that China may be beginning to take actions when we went to see all of these issues resolved at the table."

Own stand

Yesterday, one of President Aquino's press officers showed the military's map from the US maritime agency.

"Well, we do not know how our friends in China will take that," deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said on state-run dzRB radio. She refused to comment on the US assessment, saying the Philippines "has always had its own position on the Chinese plan to grab even Woody Island in the Paracels.

The government is getting "good results" from diplomatic efforts in order the Philippines' territorial disputes with China peacefully, Valte said.

Last week, dozens of angry fishermen filmed off western Luzon and the Kalayaan Islands in the Spratlys were "just one of the facets of our multifaceted relationship with China."

"We continue to talk to our counterparts for other things that concern the relationship," Valte said.

Diplomatic protest

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) summoned Chinese Ambassador to the Philippines Ma Keqing on Tuesday and handed him a note protesting China's plans to establish a military garrison on Woody Island and the arrival of a large Chinese fishing fleet in the Spratlys.

China proceeded with its plans anyway. On Friday, China named two senior military officials to lead the garrison on Woody Island. Senior Col. Cai Xihong was named garrison commander and Senior Col. Liao Daoqi was appointed as the garrison's political commissar.

The Philippines has no territorial claims in the Paracels, but the DFA says China's plan to administer the island group and the Spratlys from Sansha municipality on Woody Island is unacceptable.

President Aquino called for restraint, refusing to comment on the military's report that some vessels from the Chinese fishing fleet vessels had moved near the Philippine-occupied Pag-asa island in the Spratlys.

Journey of the fishing vessels were within 9 kilometers of the island, seat of government of the Kalayaan municipality in Palawan province, as of Tuesday, according to the military's Naval Forces West in Palawan.

There were reports yesterday that the Chinese fishing boats were moving away from the Philippine border.

Treaty review

Sen. Gregorio Honasan warns to know who's for the United States believes in the Philippines' claims in the West Philippine Sea that "China appears to be assuming one by one."

Honasan, a former military officers, wants a performance review of the Philippines' bilateral agreements with other countries to see whether these are doing the country any good amid threats posed by China's increasing aggressiveness in the West Philippine Sea.

"We have the Mutual Defense Treaty, we have the Visiting Forces Agreement," Honasan said by phone yesterday. "Perhaps what we should do now the US is relentless they believe in our chain of not," he said, referring to territories in the West Philippine Sea within the country's exclusive economic zone.

How much?

Honasan also mentioned the commitment made by US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to help the Philippines put up a "minimum, credible defense."

"We can't stop there," Honasan said. "We have to talk when, where's, how much and how. Drilling rather cooky, how much?"

Honasan said the Philippines must be getting just a fraction of the US military aid to Pakistan. And yet it was in Pakistan that al-Qaeda supreme Osama bin Laden had been hiding for more than a decade until the United States found him there last year and killed him.

Honasan noted that the United States does not want to take sides in the West Philippine Sea territorial disputes. If that is so, he said, the United States can play "global peacemaker" and keep the contending parties in the West Philippine Sea disputes from getting into direct confrontations.

He suggested a performance audit of the Philippines' country agreements with the United States and other countries.

"If we can't get anything from these agreements, why should we still have these agreements?" Honasan said.

Poor Pinoy from Bolinao makes it in 'Eat Bulaga' Indonesia

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Eat Bulaga Indonesia, which has been getting good ratings in Indonesia since its debut on July 16 over Surya Citra Televisi (SCTV) in Jakarta.

The show has made Coneal an instant celebrity, not only among Indonesians but also Filipinos.

"It's overwhelming. The support and acceptance that I'm getting not only from Indonesians but from our Ambalayan is just amazing. I never expected it would go this far," says Coneal, 24, in an e-mail interview.

"Sometimes when I'm alone, I'll find myself taking a pause and catch myself staring blankly with my jaws dropped. I still can't believe this is actually happening," he says.

Coneal's journey to where he is now has not been smooth and easy.

Teodilo Castillo, principal of Cape Bolinao High School, says he almost cried when he learned on Saturday that Coneal has made it big in Indonesia.

"I was very elated when I learned that Leo was already there, especially when many people from the province thought that he was the talk in the church after the Mass last Sunday," Castillo told the Inquirer.

But what made him teary-eyed, he says, was when he remembered all Coneal had gone through because he belonged to a poor family. He says Coneal often stayed in school during recess because he had no money to buy snacks.

"Life was very hard for them," Castillo says.

GOOD HOST Leo Coneal, third from right, poses with other hosts of Eat Bulaga Indonesia in Cinere for their July 14 opening telecast on Surya Citra Televisi. Coneal, who studied communication science at the University of the Philippines in Baguio City, also sings with the Indonesian recording group Blu3 (pronounced "Blue"). AGUSTINUS BEO DA COSTA/AFP

Bright student

Despite this, Coneal was astute in school activities. When he graduated in 2004, he was named valedictorian and earned a full academic scholarship that paved the admission not to the country's premier University of the Philippines.

He also received the school's Bachelor of the Year" and "Dancer of the Year" awards.

Coneal's father, Ernesto, 50, says he could not remember his happiness when he was informed that his son had earned an academic scholarship at the University of the Philippines.

"I knew that Coneal's success was more than my pursuit. His feet could ask for. "Really hard because I did not think anything and I have nothing to give you," Ernesto remembers always telling his son.

Ernesto says he first worked as a driver in Metro Manila hoping to send his five children to college.

"I drove four cabs, jeepneys, even cargo trucks. I wanted my children to attend even just one years of college," Ernesto says. "I told them, 'By attending college for two years, you would have at least a little educational background.'"

Of his five children, only Coneal finished college.

His eldest son, Emil, stays with him here. Two other sons work in Metro Manila and his only daughter, Nelfa Grace, married an American and migrated to Indiana in 2005. His wife works in a laundry shop in Makati City.

Coneal says his first television break was in a regional entertainment show of the MBS-CBN network Baguio as one of the hosts of "Northern Catch-Ade" In," a weekly TV magazine. He was then a Communications graduate at UP Baguio.

Teacher in Jakarta

When he finished college, he says, he decided to visit Indonesia as the invitation of friends who were working as teachers in an international School there.

"Since I didn't have a job in the Philippines at that time, I decided to enroll my resume to several International Schools in Jakarta and luckily, I got hired. I taught for six months and then I quit because of some personal problems," Coneal says.

He says about to come home to the Philippines to look for another job when Sony BMG Indonesia invited him to audition for its boy band, IGO-B, which is one of the music recorded boy bands in Indonesia.

Coneal got in but after arduous months of training, things didn't work out.

He was about to lose hope, he says, when Studio's Records company of him and asked him if he was interested in joining a vocal group named "Blu3 (pronounced as Blue).

"I really didn't expect too much because I'm just another music artist which sporadically airs here in Indonesia," Coneal says.

But when he got a copy of a script to audition, Coneal says he was thrilled.

"I just had a rough idea of what the show would be like because it was written in straight Bahasa Indonesia, but when I read 'Eat Bulaga Indonesia,' I was revved up," he says.

"I got inside the screening room. They asked me to deliver the lines, although I messed up with my Bisaya because they asked me to do an impromptu. They also asked me to sing and dance," he says.

After the audition, Coneal says he didn't expect too much. "I wasn't sure if I'd get in because he join to become a TV host here, you have to speak Fluent Bahasa ... this is not really an English-speaking country," he says.

But just five days after his audition, Coneal says he received a call telling him that he had been chosen.

"I was surprised. I didn't expect it. They told me that the characters that they were looking for fitted me right. After several days, we went through briefings, rehearsals and orientation. I was taken aback because things happened really fast. I thought it was going to run after a month or so, but we hit the airwaves on July 16, a week after the audition," Coneal says.

First foreign franchise

Tapie Inc., Eat Bulaga's Manila producers, provided SCTV with a production manual detailing the show's intricacies down to set design and game previews.

Mahar Chua-Tapia, Tape Inc.'s senior vice president and chief operating officer, met Leo Coneal and the other "Eat Bulaga Indonesia" hosts when the Filipinos visited the show's set during its debut on July 16. At first, I thought: Leo was Indonesian because he spoke Bahasa, I was surprised to learn that he was from the Philippines.

Tapie said Filipinos could "blend well in Indonesia."

"We have a lot of similarities. Even some words in Bahasa sound the same as Filipino terms," she said.

Bulaganan on Filipino is translated as "Bolaganan" in Indonesia.

Tapie said, "Leo seems to be doing well there. The Indonesian producers got a good mix of new and veteran hosts for the show."

One of the Philippines' original cast members, Wally "Bo Sotto has his Indonesian counterpart: Uya Kuya, who is called "Boss Uya."

Bolinao's inspiration

Lovely Bautista, Coneal, says he misses all of his brother's roasting on Eat Bulaga Indonesia when they chatted via Facebook just a day before the show aired.

"I'm so happy for him," Emil says.

"Leo was so full of determination. His always told us that we should not allow poverty to define us," Emil says.

Coneal says he can imagine his father's excitement about his success. "He's always been so proud of me. I'm doing all this for him actually. I haven't seen him for like six years now and I miss him so much," he says.

To residents of this small seaside town, Coneal has become a new hero and inspiration. In his high school yearbook, Coneal wrote: "Poverty is not a limit but a challenge." With a report from Rayan Jim Dizon

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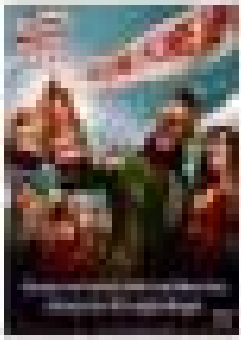

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Zamboanga park comes back to life

By Julie Alipala
Zamboanga City

THIRTY-eight year-old Rachel Manuel of Barangay Putik here was busy packing a snack box. The food was for her, her four children and her husband, she said.

Their destination: Plaza Pershing, named after an American general who fought in the Philippine-American war, and site in the downtown area near city hall.

"When we were young, we did not come here because we were afraid," Manuel said.

Until about three months ago, Plaza Pershing was the hub of the city's underworld. It was where drug dealers, gun smugglers and robbers operated, according to Chief Supt. Mario Banga, acting city police chief.

"Plaza Pershing became the center of illegal trade in the area. All you needed to do was to approach the right person if you wanted ammunition, guns or even women," Banga said.

These are the main reasons locals kept away from the park.

Gleborecha Ramirez, 45, who currently removed house from a job in The Netherlands, said it was her first time to set foot at Plaza Pershing since she was born.

Ramirez said Plaza Pershing was notorious for being "the hub of prostituted women."

"I did not want to be mistaken for a prostitute," she said.

PLAZA Pershing gets a facelift and wows back visitors.

But since the city government renovated the park and put up amenities, like a fountain, the people of Zamboanga have learned to fall in love with Plaza Pershing again. "It became more of a family-oriented park now," Ramirez said.

Manuel said Plaza Pershing has become the favorite hangout of poor families nowadays.

"There is this tall fountain to enjoy. After a long walk from the shrine, we come here to rest and enjoy the sights," she said.

Indeed, Plaza Pershing has become the poor man's weekend stopover, Medardo Soriez, a maintenance employee of City Hall, said.

Soriez said the many people who come to the park made maintenance workers like him busy during weekends, sometimes staying late to clean up after visitors had left.

Soriez is aided by two other workers—two-point Esperanza Corpuz and Socorro Santos. He said the task of keeping the park clean was lighter before the renovation.

"Before, Plaza Pershing would look like a garbage dump in the morning and the so-called rugby children were everywhere. That ugly sight is long gone," Soriez said.

"If you are tired either from the market or from the malls, just take a break here, and just a few minutes away you can already take a ride home," Ramirez said.

Ludovico Badoy, executive director of the National Historical Commission of the Philippines, said Plaza Pershing's rehabilitation enhanced historical landmarks in the city to add the landmarks help remind Zamboangueños of their past under the Americans and the Spaniards.

Plaza Pershing was known during the Spanish time as Plaza de Don Juan de Salcedo. The park was the venue of public meetings and gatherings by Spanish generals.

It was later renamed in honor of Gen. John "Black Jack" Pershing.

The city government said it earmarked P7 million for the park's facelift and the construction of amenities like a gazebo, a stage, restrooms, walkways, fences, lights, gardens and a drainage system.

Today, aside from families, Plaza Pershing also draws students from the nearby Universidad de Zamboanga, who come to the park for group studies.

"We are safe here," Rubin Abdul, a 18-year-old college student, said. Just a few years ago, that was unthinkable.

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In Iloilo, honoring a heroic act 41 years ago

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—Twelve-year-old Boy Scout Roy Baluso stands tall in his hometown in Estancia in Iloilo, 41 years after his death.

A 4-foot tall statue of the boy was unveiled on Wednesday at Estancia Universal Elementary School in honor the Grade 6 pupil who sacrificed his life to save others.

PEOPLE

Among those who attended the unveiling were Iloilo Gov. Arthur Defensor, members of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines and relatives of Baluso.

Baluso, then a Grade 6 student, saved seven persons before he died with eight others, mostly youths, on Jan. 24, 1971, in an accident on Estancia Port, 170 kilometers northeast of here.

They were killed after a ship smashed the side of the pier causing a warehouse to collapse. Most of the dead were from poor families residing and working near the pier, according to a Manila Times report published on Jan. 25, 1971.

Jerry Bistan, a classmate and friend of Baluso, said many passengers of the ship fell overboard when the vessel tilted after hitting the pier.

Baluso had earned a living as a porter at the pier during weekends and holidays.

A good swimmer, he jumped into the water after the ship hit the pier and saved five passengers.

He climbed back to the pier to rest but jumped again after hearing more pleas for help, Bistan said.

When people at the pier called out to him to get out of the water, Baluso answered: "I am a Boy Scout!"

The boy saved two more passengers but drowned when wooden beam thrown out of the warehouse by the impact of the ship fell on his head.

Bistan, disaster risk reduction and management officer of Iloilo, said while at the wake of Baluso 41 years ago, he had made a promise to build a monument to honor Baluso' heroism.

"He will always be a symbol of dedication and steadfastness," said Bistan of his friend.

STATUE of Boy Scout Roy Baluso who died saving passengers of a ship in Estancia, Iloilo, 41 years ago

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OPINION

Inevitable meltdown

EDITORIAL

IF THE planet Earth isn't crying, it sure is sweating a lot. Just this past week, the United States' National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa) revealed that for a certain period early this month, the ice covering Greenland was melting at a rate not seen in the three decades that satellites have been used to monitor it.

From July 8 to July 12, the ice melt saw an Greenland ice surface jumped from a normal 40 percent to a staggering 97 percent, according to scientists using data from Nasa and Indian satellites. "I stayed looking at the satellite imagery and saw something that was really unprecedented," said climate scientist Thomas L. Mote.

The scientists were quick to explain that while they have described this melting as an "extreme event," it was normal when studied in a historical context, meaning that there had been serious ice melts like this in the past. Nevertheless, the sheer scale of this ice melt should be alarming, especially when one considers that it fits the dire predictions of what global warming can bring. The same scientists calling the ice melt "surreal" also said it was indeed a result of a steady shrinking of Greenland's ice sheet, which was caused by the steady warming of Earth's oceans.

All this combined with the freakish weather and temperature being experienced by people worldwide is no stuff of a coincidence, even for those who insist that global warming is a myth. Yet for all the dire predictions, very little has been done to stop or slow it.

Just last March, a study published in the journal Nature Climate Change stated that the Greenland ice sheet was actually more vulnerable to global warming than previously thought. Should the ice sheet be melted completely, it would raise the sea level by 7.2 meters (a whopping 23.6 feet) and submerge low-lying areas. Since the start of the Industrial Revolution, the world has warmed by 0.8 degrees, and now human civilization seems intent on proving that, yes, we can melt Greenland. If we just persevall it isn't happening.

In February 2011, the first scientific paper to use complex computer programs to simulate weather patterns attempted to prove that the extreme weather could be the result of natural variability. Climate scientists have found that it could not, and thus proved that the bizarre weather patterns—highlighted by the increase in precipitation leading to heavier rainfall and more flooding—are caused by humans and the greenhouse gases left in the wake of their activities, such as burning fossil fuels. They say more rain will come, and that it's our fault.

Perhaps the best example of the ongoing climate of ignorance and hand-wringing is the utter failure of Rio+20. The summit, held in Rio de Janeiro last June, was intended to galvanize a worldwide effort to combat global warming on the 20th anniversary of the first Earth summit also held in Rio. But the draft text disappointed nearly everyone, failing to define concrete goals or set proper timetables for action. European Union climate commissioner Connie Hedegaard, describing "how weak" the draft statement was, said it was "telling that nobody in that room adopting the text was happy."

In particular, Rio+20 had been viewed as a turning point where 100 of the world's governments and the nearly 50,000 delegates would agree to phase out fossil fuel subsidies, which would cut the world's annual energy demand by 5 percent and curtail climate emissions by almost 6 percent by the year 2020. Instead of leading the fight to reduce fossil fuel use and other emissions, the United States did not push the promise or stop global warming, proving once again that the superpower is largely abdicating responsibility when it comes to climate change. This resonates with the criticism heaped upon the December 2009 environmental summit in Copenhagen, which US President Barack Obama labeled "a breakthrough," but the Council of Europe called "a missed opportunity" with no "concrete decisions."

These series lines, the ice on the edge of the world is melting faster than anyone thinks. Temperatures all over the planet are going crazy, presaging a grim scenario of micro waters rising far more our heads.

The signs are here. When will the world's governments decide to take action to stop or just slow global warming and preserve Earth for future generations?

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The helmet law

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy Dorsel

THIS TIME last week, thousands of motorcycle riders throughout the country descended on the offices of the Department of Trade and Industry seeking a small sticker for their helmets. Why? Because a raging army waiting to have their weapons inspected before marching to war, they waited for barred LTO personnel to parade an ICC sticker on their helmets attesting to their soundness.

These commuters or two wheels had rightly feared they would be losing to get the sticker before Aug. 1, after which the STI would begin charging P200 for the inspection. Motorcycle riders have been warned that starting Jan. 1 next year, they will be stopped and fined for not wearing ICC-approved helmets.

What, in heaven's name, is ICC? It means "Import Commodity Clearance"—a document normally issued by the DTI's Bureau of Product Standards to manufacturers and importers certifying that their products meet the standard specifications and satisfactory quality and safety. The ICC seal must be found on electrical products, Christmas lights, children's toys, etc.—proof that the product passed DTI inspection. We are advised to look for this seal when we shop, in much the same way we are reminded to search packaged food and health products for the seal of approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

The ICC, clearly, is a requirement imposed on producers, importers and distributors, and not on consumers. But Republic Act 10054, or the Motorcycle Helmet Act, signed on March 23, 2010, takes the further step of placing the responsibility for securing the ICC for protective helmets squarely on the commuter. See, 7 of the law says: "(a) Any person caught not wearing the standard protective motorcycle helmet in violation of this Act shall be punished with a fine of P1,000 for the first offense; P3,000 for the second offense; P5,000 for the third offense, and P10,000 plus confiscation of the driver's license for the fourth and succeeding offenses."

The penalty for noncompliance—to be imposed not just on riders without helmets but, accurately, on users of non-ICC compliant helmets—is akin to punishing consumers who buy banking commodities from Chinatown that have not been approved by the FDA. Say, to be fair, the text of the helmet law is good. Its principal objective is to make the wearing of protective helmets mandatory for all motorcycle riders. The problem is in the implementation. Who's head of helmet self-satisfy the law?

As it is they would. I am amused by the variety of headgear that the almost one million motorbike riders in Metro Manila wear. The one man then wear loosely on their heads (say as well not to have), those other as much protection against concussions as a soft baseball cap. I am sure it was for those that the provision for an ICC compliant helmet was inserted in the law for it is a well-kept of an issue that the many are made to suffer for the recalcitrance of a few. If our officials had been more conscientious in ensuring that all products brought into the country met minimum standards, we would not be in this situation.

The ICC makes requirement may be the simplest way of ensuring compliance with the intentions of the law, but it will not be long before fake versions of the sticker appear in the underground market. From a distance, it would be impossible for a law enforcer to check the authenticity of that tiny sticker on the helmet of a moving biker. But, using price comparison alone, he may be able to tell whether a helmet offers reasonable protection for the head.

Most riders have doubts about the three engineers with which the testing and inspection of all helmets currently in use can be conducted, leaving aside the wisdom and the practicality of doing so. That requirement not only goes additional work to the DTI personnel for which they may not be suited; it also imposes a new and time-consuming burden on a motoring public that is already reeling from the new self-inspection requirements of the renewal of a driver's license (medical examination and drug testing) and the registration of a vehicle (smoke belching emission test chamber).

If the end goal is to reduce the number of motorcycle injuries and deaths on our streets, the Land Transportation Office can do a lot to achieve this by making the issuance of motorcycle driving licenses much tougher than it is today. Practical and theoretical tests of driving skills and knowledge need to be strictly conducted. Possession of a motor driver's license for L-motorbike embedded must be taken as a sufficient qualification for motorcycle driving. Many bikers who habitually carry more than one back rider on their bikes, particularly unprotected children, must be stopped and prosecuted from proceeding.

Interestingly, RA 10054 exempts tricycle drivers and their passengers from the helmet requirement. One might justify this by pointing to the relative stability of a 3-wheeled vehicle. But I dare say that on a road like Katipunan Avenue in Quezon City as on provincial highways, where tricycles are allowed to operate, the risks to the driver and his passengers are greater than those for a single-motor bike.

I don't mind losing up for an ICC sticker if I have to, but I dread the idea of being flagged by an enforcer who just wants to check my sticker. Bikers like me who do weekend riding for leisure choose our helmets with the same care we pick our motor bikes. If we fall once, and the helmet hits the ground, we are obliged not to use it again. In hospital boat, we dress up in fully padded pants, gloves, and jackets, in anticipation of a fall. Or a big bike or a crash, the dangers are the same. A helmet ultimately will not protect a rider as much as responsible riding does.

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Are you generous?

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY is told about a guy who told his girlfriend: "Get me a newspaper." The girlfriend said: "Don't be silly. We are in the 21st century. Here, you can borrow my iPad." A few minutes after she gave him the iPad, she heard a big "whack" sound, and she saw on the floor a dead fly which never knew what hit it.

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In today's Gospel (Jn. 6, 1-15), we hear of a little boy who gave away his five barley loaves and two pieces of fish. How could he know that his simple act of generosity could become the key to a great miracle—the multiplication of the loaves and fish that fed thousands of people? If he had not parted with his provisions, there would have been no miracle to marvel about. A little generosity literally goes a long, long way.

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Are you a generous person? Are you a person who always has to share? Are you willing to give till it hurts? Actually, generosity and gratitude are cousins. True generosity stems from deep gratitude, and your gratitude manifests itself in generosity.

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Someone once said that a good example of generosity is a mother who, seeing there are only four slices of pie for five people, promptly announces that she never cared for pie. Let us thank people who, in so many ways and in so many instances, give us what rightfully belonged to them, especially those who did so without much fanfare and without expecting anything in return.

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As God has been generous to each one of us, let us also be generous to one another. The opposite of generosity is being selfish and stingy. Or as the proverb has it: "Should there be open hands? Actually, those who have closed fists do not receive real blessings in life. Why? Because their hands are closed."

Many of us are torn between being generous and being prudent. As we grow, we pray for true wisdom and guidance so that we can be "thrifty without being stingy, and generous without being wasteful."

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We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." These are words from Winston Churchill. Let your give on a talk. If you are a giver, are you a cultivating giver, an expecting giver, or a resentful giver? May we learn to be generous, and to be truly generous.

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Today, Ni-Hinan Sunday, we remember and renew our commitment to help our Filipino missionaries who have left home, country and family to serve in mission lands in all overseas," bearing deprivations, loneliness and even persecution for the sake of the Kingdom of God. Our Filipino missionaries are our gift to the world. We who have received missionaries from abroad in the past must now generously send out our missionaries. Expect quality to sing says Pinoy missionaries!

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"But we need priests and religious here in the Philippines!" True. But the world needs them more. Genuinely is precisely going not out of our surplus. In 1965, an out 8000 years on a Christmas station, our Filipino bishops established the Mission Society of the Philippines, a group of diocesan priests who will work in foreign missions to continue Christ's vision and mission world-wide.

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All of us are missionaries, too. Let us all do our mission here, whatever we are, and whatever we're at. Let us also pray for our missionaries 'out there.' Let us be generous in helping them with our time, talents and resources. Remember, God is never outdone in generosity. Whatever we shared and returned back to us in bigger quantity. Why? Because God has a bigger shovel. We have a generous God, who knows, and who remembers!

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The happiest people I know are the grateful and generous people. The least miserable ones, on the other hand, are the resentful, selfish and complaining people. Again, as it is our choice in life to be good or bad, to be happy or sad, it is also our choice to be generous or tight!

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Do you ever wonder what happened in the generous little boy who parted with his barley loaves and fish? Rumor has it that he eventually became a baker and a baking magnate! Kidding aside, we can speculate that he received the warmth and praise of the people after the miraculous incident, and went on to become many material blessings, or perhaps eventually became a disciple of Jesus. Generosity and blessings will surely come your way.

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Think about it. "The reward we get from helping others is knowing that we have been blessed with the opportunity to do so. This reward does take up in silence, and multiplies when done from our hands. Loving kindness is our sure way of thanking God for the gift of life." (Be generous. Be blessed!)

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, just teach me to be generous, and not count the cost, and not be worried about results. Amen.

Breaking the insider tradition?

WITH DUE RESPECT

Antonio T. Carpio

SINCE IT was founded 111 years ago—in June 11, 1901, the Supreme Court (SC) has always been led by an insider, except only once during World War II when this country was occupied by a foreign power. In fact, the exception, former Speaker Jose Yulo, was named chief justice by the occupying Japanese military command, not by a republican president.

Starting the tradition: Motoyama, since it was established in 1947, the Judicial and Bar Council (JBC) has always, without any exception, nominated only insiders to the top judicial post. In its 25-man history, the JBC has included only 10 outsiders as members of the collegial nominating body.

In the past, the nominative powers for the post was relatively easy. The JBC merely chose the most senior Supreme Court justices and left the appointment of the most deserving among them to the sound discretion of the President. In this way, the JBC conserved the long-held tradition of choosing only insiders for the top post.

In the early 1900s—during the American regime—insiders were customarily named chief justices to succeed Cayetano Arellano, the first and highest Filipino ever to hold the post from 1901 to 1903, to April 1, 1920). After Arellano, Norberto Maps [illegible] were senior). Manuel Araullo [illegible] second most senior) and Ramon Avanceña (fourth most senior) were appointed by US Presidents Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding and Calvin Coolidge, respectively. The fifth chief justice, the unaffected Jose Abad Santos, also an insider, was chosen by President Manuel Quezon in 1941.

But even Presidents Marcos broke the insider tradition. During the 21-year reign, he named six outside (Federico Moreno, Querube Makalintal, Fred Ruiz Castro, Enrique Fernando, Felix Makasiar and Ramon Aquino), all of them were insiders. The first four were the most senior justices, and the last two, the second most senior.

Even if President Aquino recognized only a consequence of the 1992 bar scandal, President Marcos—at the height of martial law—did not resort to outsider. He was tempted to choose one, but his choice—then University of the Philippines president Edgardo Angara—reportedly declined and calmly reminded the martial law ruler of the insider tradition.

Preserving the tradition. Democracy icon Cory Aquino, presiding over her reformist government, opted to return to the insider tradition. Since the present Yulo was chosen in 1986, all the Supreme Court justices resigned, enabling President Cory to reorganize the tribunal. She named Claudio Teehankee, the then most senior magistrate, as chief justice. She appointed three other chiefs, Pedro Yap, Marcelo Fernan and Andres Narvasa, but took the precaution of losing them up first as senior justices.

Two other insider justices, Apostolio Melencio Herrera and Hugo Gutierrez, had made appearance in the high court than Fes. Fernan and Narvasa, having been named them its Marcos in 1979 and 1982, respectively.

The last time Aquino-as as the Supreme Court by Mrs. Aquino went about later than Yap, Fernan and Narvasa. So, based on the dates of their appointments, Reynato and Davinnen appeared to be junior to Yap, Fernan and Narvasa. But in actual fact, Herrera and Gutierrez had much longer service in the high court. The second barely two years as associate justice before being elevated to chief in 1988.

However, regardless of whether they were more senior or not, the fact remains that at the time of their appointments as chief justice, Yap, Fernan and Narvasa were already associate justices, and thus considered insiders.

To appoint the JBC has always nominated only insiders. When Chief Justice Marcelo B. Davide Jr. retired, Sen. Marian Defensor-Santiago wanted to be his successor, but her application was filed a few days late. The JBC refused to extend the period for nominations and chose only insiders.

Now, when I retired on Dec. 6, 2010, Antonio Eduardo Nachura and went through the nominative process. However, the belief to elevate the necessary votes to be included in the JBC short list. Senator Santiago, a former judge, may have been qualified to be chief justice, but I think she was not included in the short list because of the insider tradition.

Confronting the tradition. The JBC has now limited the nomination process and is poised to vote on a short list in the coming week. Of the 20 names, six are incumbent Supreme Court justices while 14 are outsiders, including Cabinet members, a solicitor general and a former chief justice. For the first time, so many outsiders are aspiring for the top.

The insider tradition is entrenched on the rationale that the highest judicial post is—come in no haste and that an appointment deserves required seasoning and outstanding performance throughout the judicial body court experience. It also discourages shady politicians from using the vacancy as a bargaining chip in future partisan games. By limiting the field only to worthy incumbent Supreme Court justices, the JBC can better insulate itself from political influence in its nominations.

Understandably, incumbent justices frown on outsider nominees, believing that the new chief, like Roen, should grow up from the job hands on, and must be no less than, his outsiders required. In coming one who would discharge those working for their boss, Chief Justice Renato Corona had the hard task of breaking the high court and reforming the judiciary.

However, times are changing. Can the JBC now justify the nomination and possible appointment of an outsider? Will it dare break the insider tradition? Will it be ready for what nuances? Starting tomorrow, the JBC will confront these questions and answer them.

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The dictator

WE ARE told we are on the verge of open war. The generals are mounting their cavalry, the defenders of the faith are mustering their troops. The war did not spring from the deaths of the 11 members of the Bora People's Army killed in a June encounter with the Army's 68th Infantry Battalion. Neither was it a result of the hostilities in Basilan, where increase shattered the leaders of the 10 soldiers whose coffins arrived yesterday at Villamor Air Base. The war drum not involve the Government, or Mindanao, or the future of the 2016 Presidential election. The war is between the Catholic Church and the Philippine government.

METHOD TO MADNESS

Patricia Evangelista

This, according to Lipa Archbishop Ramon Arguelles, is a declaration of war.

"Against declared an open one, a head-on collision against us and against the Catholic Church. So terrible, so blatantly Aquino missed the point," he says. "We in the church mean not to dogpatch with their current pronouncements in support of responsible parenthood."

Arguelles is not alone. At least by the Catholic Church. "The battle remains," says the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines' Fr. Melvin Castro. It is "inexcusable" for the President of a predominantly Catholic country to endorse what is "terrible." The enemy is named Benigno Aquino III, the evil is contraception (the price is the very soul of the Republic of the Philippines).

"Aquino has crushed the Filipino people in his bosom for the changes made by his administration," says Makati Bishop Jose Oliveros. "Now he is imposing on the Filipino people his own stand on the RH bill. He should listen to the voice of the majority of our people who are Catholics."

It is an old argument enhanced by the Catholic Church's anti-Catholic. The country is mostly Catholic. The nation must employ Catholic morality. The argument follows: most Catholic does not mean conservative, and the millions whose faith sanctifies contraception are Roman Catholic do not necessarily agree with every edict of the Holiness Pope Benedict XVI. A 2011 survey independently conducted by the Social Research Center and Pulse Asia, Inc. found that 68% believe that "the choice of a family planning method is a personal choice of couples and no one should interfere with it." As many as 75 percent of the respondents also said that it's a couple married to practice family planning, whether artificial or natural. Illegal abortion is the practice of 54 percent of the respondents.

The majority of the people may be Catholic, but they are, by the standards of the Catholic Church, largely immoral. Bishops it is this immoral mass that the President considers his boss.

Oliveros speaks as if opposition to the RH bill is automatic to members of the Catholic faith. The CBCP itself admits there are "a number of people among the Catholic hierarchy who themselves openly support the RH bill. Bangsamoro Archbishop Emmanuel Trance, chair of the CBCP's Episcopal Commission on Family and Life, admitted in an interview that although these priests have not openly voiced their support for the bill, the bishops are aware of their positions.

But did the Catholic Church not campaign in 2010 for the secrecy that exists between reality and the CBCP's imagination. The provision of free contraception and the availability of information do not limit access. Some of all the faithful refuse because the freedom to fornicate is protected in Boracay. So a single section of the RH bill demands that Oliveros and his faithful should not practice what they preach. Aquino is free from recommending the wrong and condemning the immoral. The Philippines may be largely Catholic, but it is fully secular. It is fundamental to respect for individual choice, and it is our bound by the choices of men who happily volunteer the unlimited use of intrusion that accost their vows.

What is the reason for the sudden attack from the Catholic Church is not to smash its emphasis on morality as its zeal to protect. Shame on the President, they say, for misleading the Filipino. Shame on the man for his reluctance pursuit of his promised path to righteousness. "Do not lift," says Bishop Bishop Antonio Ramos to the President after his term.

And so the Catholic Church has declared war on those who themselves possess access family planning, all the while howling at a public President and his legions of middle-of-the-roads. Where were these men of the Church when the Aquino administration condoned the massacre of dozens of journalists and activists? Were many of them declared open war on the President after reports were released of more than 1,000 lost to extrajudicial killings in the last two years? Did the CBCP as a body comment on the President's failure to address in the Senate his own administration's inability to bring closure to the Maguindanao massacre? Bishop Ramos himself was vocal against human rights violations in Aquino's time, but overall the Catholic Church responded with a measured tone to matters of the conditions during martial law, and yet his response for justice to nowhere near the rage he has demonstrated against the President's careful support for the RH bill.

The Church now threatens the government with its numbers come election. Cebu Archbishop Emeritus Ricardo Cardinal Vidal, the CBCP's first Filipino cardinal, has said that all candidates against the RH bill for endorsement to the voting public. It is the same threat they made in 2013, albeit exaggeratedly that it is better to vote for a weak Church or a party of contraception. Legislators were elected in spite of the threat, although the Church says it is responsible for every "their moral lives" after consenting to the bishop's wishes.

It is easy for the Church to be paranoid suddenly, not to say when the bombs are more revolutionary than the deep breath would like to claim. The editor of the old Church organ's name from Rector himself, complaining that the President's support for RH "is undermining the moral force of the Catholic Church."

It is an odd and very dangerous conversion—that the Church's moral influence is fragile, to its mortal, that it is necessary for the government itself to protect its conscience. They call the President an enemy, and yet come back for the power to destroy the faith they claim is infallible. By protecting the personal, has never been the responsibility of any secular government. It is the time to make the passing of the RH the last front of Catholic morality. The debate over contraception would have been no more than a matter of secular choice, but the Church will not allow it, and so the battle lines are drawn.

This is not a war that Mr. Aquino declared. It is his reward for his old pastel, one that little to see it has already lost.

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Catholics, condoms and the RH bill

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

WELL, WHAT do you know... It seems that PNoy's brief mention of the RH bill in his State of the Nation Address of the importance of "responsible parenthood" let a fan under the bottom of the House and Senate leadership.

Now the long-delayed Reproductive Health bill is "on the verge" of passage, at least according to the house majority floor leader, and it's all hands on deck!

Tomorrow, the plenary debate in the House of Representatives begins and will end on Wednesday, after which voting is expected. In committee, supporters were urged to dress up in pink, while opponents wearing purple shirts or white shirts with purple accessories (purple is considered the color of the movement's opponents). They are also asked to "tweet or Facebook pro-RH legislators to amend sessions" and otherwise "lobby" their colleagues to support the measure—activities we all undertake in a democracy.

Of course, the Catholic bishops and their allies, all those who believe in keeping Filipino women "barefoot and pregnant," can be expected to step up their own counterattack. But many observers among them are also convinced—and on this they delayed bill), I think the House and the Senate are more than ready to finally vote on the measure.

Just a reminder, though. The Filipino public has long made its sentiments on reproductive health and family planning clear. In 2007, a yes/no question containing a "RH-do-not legislation issue" Poll it for the Philippine people, as expressed in public opinion surveys dating back to mid-2006 a decade? Or will it be a small elite composed of "Catholics" and "Catholics in name only"?

Congress is reaching the crossroads, and let's hope it proceeds in the right direction.

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WHILE we're on the topic, I do still hold out hope that even if Bishops Arguelles and Ibanez Jr. believe on the issue of responsible health will come around to changing their minds and easing their vociferous opposition in the wake of giving success (and sure) the season to decide their reproductive fate.

I say this because Pope Benedict XVI did say in 2010 that using condoms to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS can be "a first step in a movement toward a different way, more human way, of living sexuality." This was, in the late O'Brien, in a recent issue of "off" on Bob Dispatches, a daily online magazine, "a great leap forward for the Catholic Church," which previously condemned the promotion of condoms as "deepening confusion" (misused") even to prevent the spread of AIDS.

Before I go on to discuss O'Brien's article, it did "The Truth About Catholics and Condoms," let me clarify here that O'Brien (whom I have met personally) is the president of Catholics for Choice and a leader of the "Conscience" campaign. And no, you'd have guessed that's coming from. And that "ref" says it provides "a basis for journalists, scholars and advocates to share their expertise and inform the conversations that shape our lives and our democracy." Judging from its history and mission, "ref" seems to cover a wide range of beliefs and opinions.

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THE Pope's statement, says O'Brien, could have meant "not only that Catholics could feel comfortable using condoms to prevent HIV infection, but that many Catholic-run health care centers might start incorporating condoms into their official HIV prevention programs."

But even then the Pope affirmed the use of condoms to help prevent the spread of HIV "we still have some members of the Catholic hierarchy trying to take back the Pope's words and doing their best to prevent condoms from reaching people who need them."

Some bishops ought to reinterpret the Pope's statement, with many applying it only to a select few in his scripted meetings, insisting that Benedict was speaking of a heightened situation regarding a male prostitute. But reading the Pope's full text to the Pope's original meaning. Vatican spokesperson Fr. Federico Lombardi "confirmed that the Pope intended his words to apply whether you're a woman, a man, or a transvestite," reports O'Brien. Such a simple step that a male prostitute should protect himself and his partner—and by extension his wife—from HIV infection.

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What a difference a year made

COMMENTARY

Sylvia L. Mayuga

SIX SCANTLE, early-morning light seven days before his third State of the Nation Address, President Aquino in a yellow shirt was already on top and path to the edge of a gully in the Metropolitan Water District, and formerly Amherst's Sidling Estate area in La Mesa Dam. He came to push the controversial Indian transporting the recently completed Phase 2 of the Angat Water Infrastructure and Aqueduct Improvement Project (AWIAEP), a long-range program to provide safe water to millions in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

In this phase of the project, financed by P5.1 billion through the Philippine Bank's Credit of the Union Export-Import Bank, a new 9.9-kilometer Aqueduct No. 8 was constructed to move efficient conveyance of raw water from Angat Dam to the La Mesa Dam and Balara Filters Treatment Plants.

The first phase, completed in February 2000, was a 5.3-km bypass of the deteriorated section of Aqueduct No. 1.

Together the two aqueducts are saving 394 million cubic meters of water annually, enough to last in leakage. But can now benefit 12 to 14 million people in Metro Manila, Rizal and Cavite. An additional six million households formerly without water service in Rizal, Cavite, and Bulacan can now have water piped into their homes.

If these were Aquino's only accomplishment in the Angat project, he'd complete its second year in assuming global warming. "Tapat"—Filipino for "leakage"—as the President called it in his keynote address, was the perfect word for what he has lived for two years. Communist supporting and opportunistic leaders, corrupt officials and top-ranked corruption in the public service all resulted in signs of life getting worse in much as of a people's time, money and energy in increasingly uncertain times.

Upgrading expenses to engage in aggressive anti-leakage campaigns, Aquino declared, "will be a big difference" a year of good management has made," the President said that morning. He added that so far that year in office in 2010, the

MWSS collected losses of P4 million from unpaying. By the second year, the same agency had earned P350 million, good 35,00 million to 1,000 MWSS workers and earned over P650 million in dividends to the government.

Just as telling is how AWIAEP Phase 1 was completed eight months ahead of schedule, attesting to the soundness of the water management master plan of Metro by the president's time.

When Mr. Aquino took his post, he found over 30 different agencies in water management lacking coordination and getting in each other's way unable to ensure a sufficient supply of clean water. His stance for the public works portfolio, Rogelio Singson, chairman of the Presidential Committee on the Water Sector, could not have been more fortunate.

"Unaccustomed as I am to strolling people in government, I would like to see the efforts of Secretary Rogelio 'Roger' Singson for improving the economy and procedures in the Department of Public Works and Highways," writes Business Mirror columnist Ed Lovres. "Singson is proof your elsewhere with political will, our leaders can muscle out corruption and inefficiency in public office."

Lovres cites a special report by the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) that "after a Good Housekeeping and an Singson's campaign to clean up the DPWH, the most notorious key corrupt government agency. "The single reform in building transparency, the savings rate is up until then it was around 10 percent in the cost of the level of the DPWH."

For one, a competitive bid for rehabilitation projects to repair dikes and riverbanks to coincide

with the opening of a heightened situation regarding a male prostitute. But reading the Pope's full text to the Pope's original meaning. Vatican spokesperson Fr. Federico Lombardi "confirmed that the Pope intended his words to apply whether you're a woman, a man, or a transvestite," reports O'Brien. Such a simple step that a male prostitute should protect himself and his partner—and by extension his wife—from HIV infection.

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Population, poverty, politics and RH bill

CHILDREN on NEA Road in Quezon City

By 10 University of the Philippines economists

THE POPULATION issue has long been dead and buried in developed and most developing countries, including historically Catholic countries.

That it continues to be debated in the Philippines, one country merely trembles on the bank of progress in policy and action. The Catholic Church hierarchy has maintained its traditional stance against modern family planning (FP) methods, particularly modern (also referred to as "artificial") contraceptives.

On the other hand, the State acknowledges the difficulties posed for development by rapid population growth, especially among the poorest Filipinos. But it has been remobilized from pro-actively addressing the issue by the Catholic hierarchy's hard, line position, as well as the tendency of some politicians to cater to the demands of well-organized and impassioned single-issue groups for the sake of expediency.

Caught between a hard Church and a soft State are the poor Filipino couples who, in spite of helping women and couples control the size of their families and the responsibility of the government to provide budgetary support for modern FP services.

Renewed impetus to the debate has been given by the public and political interest in the decade-and-a-half old bill on Reproductive Health and Population and Development" (RH bill, for short). Unfortunately, not one discussion has been hampered by the lack of reliable information, particularly in the form of some parties to the debate to raise spectres that label the bill as "promotion," "artificial" and "immoral."

There were a few aspects of the bill to which some groups have expressed objections which the latest version has already addressed. In any case, the main thrust of the bill—"providing couples and individuals the freedom to decide responsibly the number and spacing of their children and to have the information and means to carry out their decisions"—is something we strongly and unequivocally support. In what follows, we explain why.

Table 1. Southeast Asia: TFR, unmet FP need, GNI per capita and poverty incidence

Country	Total fertility rate (ca. 1995)	Unmet need for family planning, % (ca. 2003)	Gross national income per capita, PPP$ (ca. 1995)	Poverty incidence, % (ca. 2000)
Philippines	3.5	17.3	2,990	36.5
Thailand	1.8	3.1	4,740	7.8
Indonesia	2.1	8.8	2,680	27.5
Malaysia	3.0	-	7,490	3.8
Vietnam	1.8	4.8	1,630	14.8
Cambodia	3.9	25.1	760	36.1
Lao PDR	5.7	27.8	1,540	26.8
Myanmar	3.0	18.7	-	25.6

Table 2. Poverty incidence by number of children

Family size	1985	1988	1991	1994	1997	2000	2003	2006	2009
1	16.6	15.9	17.7	14.6	9.8	7.1	5.4	4.5	3.4
2	16.6	16.4	15.8	13.6	11.8	10.6	8.7	8.4	6.6
3	18.8	19.2	17.8	15.7	13.8	13.4	11.8	11.6	9.6
4	18.4	21.4	20.1	16.3	15.7	15.1	13.8	13.5	11.7
5	17.3	19.9	19.2	17.0	16.4	14.7	13.9	13.4	11.9
6	18.8	20.6	20.2	17.1	16.9	15.3	15.0	14.1	12.7
7	18.5	19.6	20.2	17.1	16.9	15.3	15.0	14.1	12.7
8	18.5	19.6	20.2	17.1	16.9	15.3	15.0	14.1	12.7
9+	18.5	19.6	20.2	17.1	16.9	15.3	15.0	14.1	12.7
Total	18.2	18.7	19.0	15.5	13.1	11.5	9.9	9.4	7.8

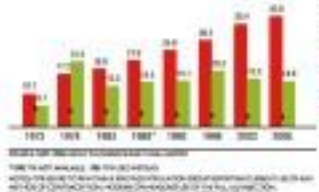
- The larger the family size, the higher the poverty incidence.
- This relationship has not changed over the last 24 years.
- If anything, poverty incidence among families with fewer children has dropped while that among families with many children has remained high.

Table 3. Actual and wanted number of children by asset quintile

	Wealth quintile						
	Poorest	Lower middle	Middle	Upper middle	Richest	Total	Poorest-richest ratio
2008							
TFR	4.2	4.2	3.3	2.7	1.8	3.3	2.3
Wanted	3.5	3.6	2.8	2.5	2.0	2.8	1.8
Difference	1.1	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	1.4
2003							
TFR	5.0	4.8	3.9	3.8	2.3	3.9	2.0
Wanted	3.8	3.1	3.0	2.5	1.7	2.9	2.3
Difference	2.1	1.5	0.9	0.6	0.5	1.0	3.7
1998							
TFR	6.5	4.7	3.5	2.9	2.3	3.7	2.0
Wanted	4.5	3.3	2.7	2.5	1.8	2.7	2.4
Difference	2.2	1.5	0.8	0.5	0.5	1.0	3.6
1993							
TFR	6.0	5.0	4.2	3.1	2.2	4.1	2.0
Wanted	4.5	3.5	3.0	2.4	1.8	3.0	2.4
Difference	2.0	1.8	1.2	0.7	0.6	1.2	3.6

- The poorer the household, the higher the "unwanted" number of children.
- The poor lacks access to effective FP services ——> large unwanted ——> social injustice.

Figure 1. Contraceptive prevalence rate and total fertility rate (1973-2006)



Real score

One The experience from across Asia indicates that population policy can't preempt economic growth. Instead, it has been a critical complement to sound economic policy and poverty reduction. Moreover, the weaker the state's ability to tax and mobilize resources (including revenues on the right priorities) is, the greater the negative impact on economic development of a rapidly growing population, which is even developing country to largely uncontrolled by the limited social and poorest segments of the population.

Owing to the lack of a clear population policy DEVIP programmed families just modest resources and attention to the 1970s, our country sadly has fallen well behind its original Asian neighbors (Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia) in terms of both demographic and economic indicators. (See Table 1.)

Suffice still in the prospect that unless the RH bill supporters pursue bound bill is passed in Congress and swiftly implemented, our country will likely be condemned to more low-level career Asian neighbors (Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar) in the years time.

Two In the micro level, large family size is closely associated with poverty incidence, as consistently borne out by household survey data over time. In short, poor families are heavily burdened when they end up with more children than they want.

Official data from the Family Income and Expenditures Survey (FIES) since 1985 have unambiguously shown that poverty incidence is lower for families with fewer children for ones consistently with the number of children. (See Table 2.) Among families with one child only 2.3 percents are poor compared with households having nine or more children where 46.4 percent are destitute (FIES 2006).

Moreover, larger families make smaller investment in human capital per child. Investment must find it crucial in breaking the vicious chain of intergenerational poverty. Average annual spending on education per student falls from P6,211 for a one-child family to P4,479 for a family with nine or more children, and average health spending per capita drops correspondingly from P1,389 to P561 (FIES 2006 and Labor Force Survey 2007).

Three The poor prefer smaller families, except that they are unable to achieve their preference. The poorer the household, the higher the "unwanted" number of children, by contrast, among the richer families there is virtually no difference between wanted TFR and "wanted" numbers.

On the average, among the poorest 50 percent of women of reproductive age, 44 percent of pregnancies are unwanted (Philippine Health Statistics and Family Planning Survey (PHS) 2006). Overall, 51 percent of all pregnancies are unintended (Philippine Institute and UP Population Institute (PI and UP-PI), "Situating Women's Contraceptive Needs and Behaviors in the Philippines," 2000). Unwanted births represent a considerable unmet need for FP services. Among the poorest families, 23 percent of married women of reproductive age have no need for any family planning practice but are still not using any family planning method (FPS 2006).

Contraceptive use remains extremely low among most couples but more than 40 percent of women and across. For instance, among the poorest 20 percent of women, over half do not use any method of family planning whatsoever, while less than a third use modern methods (FPS 2006). Among the poorest women, who want to avoid pregnancy at least 41 percent are unable to practice any method of contraception.

Four Lack of access to contraception has important health implications. The maternal mortality rate (MMR), already high at 162 per 100,000 live births (Family Health Survey (FHS) 2006), has increased from to 221 (FHS 2011) and, hence, it is highly unlikely to meet the Millennium Development Goal of 52 by 2015. Having too many and too closely spaced deliveries raises the risk of illness and premature deaths (for mother and child alike).

From 11 women dying daily owing to pregnancy and childbirth related causes based on the 2006 MMR, this number has risen to at least 15 maternal deaths each day as of 2011. Moreover, many unwanted pregnancies result in induced and illegal abortions, numbering 560,000 annually as of 2000 and 473,000 in 2008.

Five The health risks associated with stretched and unwanted pregnancies are higher for adolescent mothers, as they are more likely to have children at relatively young ages. Almost 25 percent of unwanted teenagers begin childbearing compared with only 3 percent of those who have attended college or higher. The pregnancy rate for teenagers aged girls rose from 39 per 1,000 women in 2000 to 54 more recently (FHS 2011).

Six There are unintended social costs (negative externalities) to unwanted and unplanned pregnancies. Parents, who are able to space their children and achieve their desired number, are also more likely to bear the full cost of raising and educating them.

By contrast, poor families having more children than desired are constrained to rely on public education and health services and other publicly provided goods and services. In short, in a situation where government is already hard-pressed to finance even the most basic items of public spending, having no rational population policy is tantamount to burying one's head in the sand.

Moreover, women who have children sooner than planned tend to invest in the best of health during pregnancy and are more likely to seek medical assistance. And poor women (typically utilize public health care facilities. Public education and health facilities are already overcrowded and deteriorating from would entail increased taxation.

Providing services for planning and spacing pregnancies is one way of alleviating the constraints. Even contraception often imposes a social cost. Since two mothers are more likely to drop out of school, they are also less able to internalize the cost of rearing their children and more likely to shift this burden to the government.

Seven Denying access to the full range of modern FP methods can suppress information raises the success rate of achieving the desired family size. [Another FP option is "natural family planning (NFP) methods only" fails to address the privacy and satisfaction of unwanted and unplanned pregnancies. NFP methods typically have a 24-percent failure rate

...meaning that if 100 women adopt NFP, 24 of them would typically become pregnant in a year (Pantastri, J.J. and Hoefler, L. "Natural Family Planning: A Review," Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Community Health (1998) 11:111-36-48).

The data highlight the importance of full information and access to the whole range of modern contraceptive methods. Not only Figure 1 shows a close association between the reduction in the average number of children a woman bears, use of modern methods, and, to some extent, the use of traditional methods. The RH bill addresses both private and social costs of unintended, unplanned and unwanted reproductive health behavior.

Overall, the RH and FP programs offer a win-win solution. They lift the well-being of individual women and children, and benefit the economy and the environment as well.

Distortions

The current debate on the population issue has become unnecessarily muddled by conceptual and factual distortions. Some groups, including the Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines and other "pro-life" groups, vehemently oppose the RH bill because they claim that it is pronbortion and is artificial.

A studious reading of the bill, however, shows that these are already erroneous claims. In the first place, there is an obvious definitional and semantic difference between contraception, which occurs before conception, and abortion, which occurs after.

In the second place, the bill's main thrust is to provide full information on, access to and choice from among the whole range of traditional, modern, and "natural" family planning methods for contraception. The bill is, in fact, unequivocally and explicitly against abortion. Indeed, "abortion shall be punished under the Revised Penal Code and relevant jurisprudence."

Some objectors to the RH bill have further argued that the bill is not only anti-life but promotes the breakup of families, decay of moral values and hedonism. But this is pure ideological conjecture...an assertion sans logic and empirical basis. Given scarcity, people congeal.

Sadly, the previous administration also contributed to the confusion. Former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo asserted at the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2004 that, contrary to Sept. 11, 2005 that NFP technology was found "effective compared to artificial contraceptive" by the World Health Organization (WHO).

She added that "the Population Council of New York has found that artificial contraception contributes only 2.0 percent to the decline of birth rates while the combination of improving the economic conditions of the family, urbanization and breastfeeding contributes 98 percent." When asked for their reactions, however, both the WHO and the Population Council categorically disavowed the former President's statements.

More misinformation was contained in the former President's Jesus (July 25, 2006). She asserted that her policy of NFP combined with female education reduced population growth to 1.04 percent during her administration compared with 1.36 percent when "artificial" birth control techniques were pushed. In fact, the former President's statement was disingenuous, since it is well known that more educated females are more likely to use modern ("artificial") contraceptive methods.

On the other hand, how could the use of "modern NFP" have contributed to the fall in population growth when its use rate among married women of reproductive age (15-49) actually dropped from 8.3 percent to 5.3 percent in 2000-2006? By contrast, their use of modern ("artificial") contraceptives rose from 18 percent to 20 percent during the same period. This actually implies that if new modern ("artificial") contraceptives use that rose as women became more educated, and thus were more likely to be motivated with the decline in the population growth rate.

Conclusion

Debate is always healthy. Religious and other groups are perfectly free to express their moral views and beliefs. But they must be aware, however, at that point where deliberate efforts are made to misinform and deceive the true and well-meaning provisions of the RH bill.

An unwanted and unmanageable national population policy is long overdue in our country. It is an integral part of development and poverty reduction strategy. Once passed, the RH bill will be a powerful instrument of national policy for population and development.

Opposing "natural family planning only" is a position to consistent with the spirit and letter of the bill and reflects a lack of understanding in pursuing long-term economic development and poverty reduction.

It is in this spirit of debate that we express our own opinion. We are not saying that we have the answer—that the RH bill is propose and unchronically problem and profundity.

We, therefore, strongly support the RH bill and urge the national leadership to be bold and unequivocally behind it. It is time the President declared the RH bill urgent.

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THE PHILIPPINES joins other nations in condemning the "senseless killings" of 17 people in a shooting at Batman in a movie house in Colorado.
—President Aquino

GLOBAL Pinoy

Gilda Monica Feria

This section is dedicated to Filipinos overseas toiling on land and at sea, in factories, in construction sites and in the homes of the world to secure a better life for their families. These are their stories.

What Filipinos can be proud of

CREATIVE MINDS, SPONTANEOUS HUMOR. Filipinos all over the world contributed to the two-for campaign of Tourism Secretary Mon Jimenez.

By Andrea Chloe Wong

WHAT is it that Filipinos can boast about the Philippines? Quite hard to figure especially when the country struggles with an image problem: excessive corruption, extreme poverty and source of cheap manual labor. These are some of the general impressions of the world about the Philippines that, while unpleasant, are undeniably true.

However, despite the many negative comments that quite often overshadow the positive, there are definitely so many things to be proud of. Chief of which is actually ourselves. The Filipino is renowned all over the world for remarkable qualities, often downplayed or overlooked, but which nevertheless brings pride to the country.

Our caring ways

Essentially, we Filipinos can be proud of our humanity. We are a highly relational people.

MAKING do with a little bit, kids have fun.

Living overseas challenges us to think hard about our country and who we are. Here's my list

prominent in emotionally and socially connecting with others.

Our innate humanity is very much apparent in the caring ways we interact with those close to us including others outside our kin circle. In fact, this trait is one of the distinct assets of millions of Filipino doctors, nurses, care givers, and caregivers who work abroad. Generally, we are known for our heartfelt concern, nurturing spirit, and caring touch, which naturally make our workers in demand overseas. Though it may sometimes rub us the wrong way that our country is frequently associated with overseas labor (especially domestic help), we can always look at it in a more positive view. We take comfort in the fact that Filipino workers who give exceptional and genuine care to the rest of the world.

Hospitality even abroad

Also, our inherent humanity is also reflected in our world-famous hospitality that truly assures anyone who has stepped foot in Philippine soil that he/she is welcome. Foreigners who come to visit the Philippines speak of the warmth, giving aura of their way to help them when lost, or the heartwarming generosity of a Filipino family hosting a visitor in their poverty-stricken home. Admirably, most foreigners who attend Filipino gatherings abroad (which are frequently organized for hundreds of us, come) testify to the warmth and friendliness of Filipinos as they experience that feeling of "belonging" (pakikisama). Even Filipino workers who give exceptional and genuine care to the rest of the world.

Hospitality even abroad

Also, our inherent humanity is just as much apparent in our compassion for others. The kind of compassion that, not only feels sympathy, but harbors the conscience to give help and relieve the suffering of others. Our compassion is eminently reflected in the way we sympathize with our kin others and in our collective spirit of volunteerism.

Pinoy creativity

Aside from our humanity, we Filipinos can be proud of our creativity. While being creative is not an exclusive trait possessed only by Filipinos, what makes ours distinct is the artistry, expressiveness, spontaneity, and humor that altogether define Filipino creativity. Aside from the abundance of world-renowned Filipino talents in music and the performing arts, our country is rich with visual artists, fashion designers, animators and many other artists. Filipinos are making waves in the international scene, particularly in the entertainment, creative, and design industries.

Filipinos receiving honorees, is not limited to the professional artists. The country's tourism campaign "It's More Fun in the Philippines" is a remarkable testimony to the creative minds and spontaneous wit that Filipinos generally share. This impromptu show of support to Philippine tourism merely proves that we can unite and use our collective ingenuity to rally behind a common cause for the benefit of the country.

Adaptability

Besides boasting our 3M (pinoy can be proud of our adaptability. We are highly adaptable to different people, cultures, and situations that primarily make us well-rounded beings. While overseas, we not only connect with fellow Filipinos but are also adept easily to different cultures and diverse people. We tend to judge the rich other little or more and find pleasure in the simple things. We adapt well in difficult situations that likewise showcase our resilience as a nation. Others may view this as a general acceptance of fate or a struggle kind of coping mechanism. The Filipinos' optimistic reaction to diversity, uncertainty and adversity truly baffles, or at most amazes.

Even many times do foreigners get astounded with Filipinos after every storm. Aside from pictures of the Filipinos' survival efforts, foreigners are astounded by images of children having fun swimming in the floodwaters or people in evacuation centers smiling and waving at the cameras. Truly, Filipinos reveal a positive spirit of adapting to distress and finding something pleasant amidst the misery.

These are just some of the qualities (among many others) that can truly make us proud of who we are and where we come from. Though sometimes we tend to channel them in nonconstructive ways like being "compassionate" to government crooks in the expense of justice), we should instead exemplify these traits for the benefit of others and our nation. By doing so, we contribute to rise the Philippines spirit of and to embody the best and the positive in us.

Oftentimes, we are constrained by our negativity that causes us to wallow in that little of ourselves. And this sometimes spills over to how we conceive of our country. While the negative traits is to see admittedly real and contagious, there should not overpower us and define our overall identity.

Perhaps what better way to brag about the Philippines is to live out those legendary Filipino qualities the best way we can. After all, each one of us is the most convincing spokesperson of our country—the good and the bad we project ultimately impacts the country's image. Hopefully we can endure the tendency to disparage ourselves, and instead accentuate the good in us with confidence towards transforming our nation.

It is no small wonder that the most celebrated icons of the Philippines are actually its people: Lea Salonga, Manny Pacquiao, Cory Aquino, Jose Rizal, Kenneth Cobonpue, Eliza Pelaschiela and so many others who all make us proud of our country. Not to mention the roster of the millions of Filipinos here and abroad who serve as living examples of the best of the Philippines. Truly, there is always something good to us that give us reasons to rise up on and relive and to have hope in our home.

THAT CARING TOUCH. Filipino doctors and nurses are world-renowned.

The Wedding Ring

IS FIDELITY between two people living far away from each other possible?

Wantanesy loyalty in marriage is possible even if physical distance sets a husband and a wife apart," said Sylvia Mijares, psychologist of SS Life Coach. It worsens Filipino workers (OFWs) always wear their wedding rings, it will serve as constant reminders to be faithful to their partners.

However, some overseas workers intentionally remove their wedding rings. Some hide their real marital status. Male OFWs do this when they are attracted to other women overseas. Some OFW wives, even if they wear their wedding rings, somehow distract them as soldiers when they intend to play with short-time relationships.

Such situations would not happen if both husband and wife are determined to be trustworthy and uphold their marriage vows.

Wearing a wedding ring should symbolize a couple's strong and faithful relationship.

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Readers talk back

Is it choice or necessity? If not choice or necessity? If not overseas worker in Dubai enough, she or he can save and after a few years can afford to travel and enjoy the fruits of their labor. In the Philippines, wages are barely enough to meet the basic necessities! —Willie Bradford of Artesia, California.

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KOMPYANSHIP AND FUN-LOVING. Anywhere in the world, Filipinos' spontaneous dance performance was in Guangzhou, China.

What you should know about the US entrepreneur visa

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WITH an election coming up, President Obama touts his policy of encouraging "in sourcing" and discouraging "outsourcing" of services and manufacture of goods. In an effort to accelerate job creation, the Obama administration has reiterated its full support to entrepreneurs. Dedicated legislation relating to applications for immigrant and nonimmigrant investor visas have been initiated since last year to encourage investments.

Types of investor visas

There are various types of foreign investor visas. The most well-known is the "non-immigrant" investment visa that will give the investor the status of a green card holder.

There is also the "exceptional ability visa" under the second employment based category. This type of visa focuses on the exceptional abilities and qualifications of the entrepreneur and how it benefits the US economy rather than the amount of investment.

In the nonimmigrant or temporary visa category, an entrepreneur may apply for the E1 or E2 investors' visas. The E1 visa is the treaty trader visa for those who conduct substantial trade of goods or services with the US. The E2 investor visa, on the other hand, is issued to an individual entrepreneur who invests "substantially" in a US enterprise.

How much investment

For the immigrant investor visa, the amount of investment may either be $1 million or $500,000 depending on the location of the investment enterprise.

For designated regional centers, the investor need be able to show at least half a million dollars for the immigrant visa to be approvable. In addition, the immigrant investor must be able to show that the investment enterprise will create at least 10 jobs for US citizens or permanent residents.

For the nonimmigrant E2 investment visa, no specific amount is required. What is required is for the investor to show a "substantial" amount of investment as distinguished from a relatively small amount of capital. To determine whether the investment is substantial, a proportionality test is used. This test considers the proportion between the amount of the funds actually invested and the value of the business. The investment that equals or exceeds the value of the business is usually considered substantial.

For E2 investors, even if its not enough is required, a marginal enterprise is not likely to get the nod for an investor's visa. A marginal investment is where the investment does not have the present or future capacity to generate more than enough income to provide a minimal living measure for the investor and his family.

Exceptional ability visa

There is also the EB2 or the employment-based second preference category, individuals with exceptional ability in the field of science, arts or business may qualify for this visa. The recipient of the entrepreneur must be shown to substantially benefit the US economy aside from showing that the skill is significantly above what is ordinarily encountered in the sciences, arts or business.

There are two ways to obtain this EB2 visa. One is through a petition by a US employer after the Department of Labor approves an application for labor certification. The other is through a self-petition if the entrepreneur meets the "national interest waiver" standards. If the entrepreneur's business will create jobs for US workers there is a strong probability that an such a visa will be granted.

Spouses and minor children of the immigrant or nonimmigrant will also be entitled to visas.

Open for business

With the need for the US to compete in the global economy and the support it gives to enterprises that stimulate job growth, Filipinos who are interested in developing their investments to the US have more convenient visa options. Joining the G20 to shore up and spearhead economic growth is a serious commitment as it will require placing substantial capital at risk with the hope of generating profitable returns. With the strong backing in employment-based immigrant visas, and professional working visas always reaching its annual maximum cap, investing in an enterprise may be an available alternative for some.

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Royalty rocks Olympics; queen stars in opener

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movie filmed in Buckingham Palace.

"Good evening, Mr. Bond," the aged Sirdare they were shown flying by helicopter over London landmarks and then jumping—thanks to a stuntman and clever, blind cladding as over in a black tuxedo—into the only night over Olympic Park.

At the same moment, real skydivers appeared as the stadium exploded in the James Bond theme. And moments after that, the monarch appeared in person, accompanied by her four hand, Prince Philip.

Organizers said it was thought to be the first time she has ticked on film.

"The queen made herself more accessible than ever before," Boyle said.

Underskilled youngsters

Boyle sprang another giant surprise by giving seven teenage athletes—all selected young news instead of established sporting greats—the supreme honor of igniting the Olympic cauldron. Together, they touched flaming torches to triangular tubes that spread into a megaflare and then jumped elegantly to form the cauldron.

Organizers said the cauldron would be moved on Sunday night to the corner of the stadium where a giant ball rolled during the ceremony.

Rock group doing of "Hey Jude." Beatle Paul McCartney closed the spectacle that ran 40 minutes beyond its scheduled three hours.

Nonstop music

The show never caught its breath with a nonstop rock and pop homage to post Britannia. The soundtrack veered from classical to irreverent. Boyle daringly included the line "Rule, Britannia!" and a video segment of its version of "God Save the Queen"—an anti-establishment punk anthem once banned by the BBC.

The encyclopedic review of modern British music soldered with a 1948 Broadway standard adapted by the Pink Floyd football team, the Rolling Stones' "(I Can't Get No) Satisfaction", and "Jerusalem" (with a hilarious body" by still another Queen), and other tracks too numerous to mention, but not to dance to.

The evening started with flight jets streaming red, white and blue smoke and roaring over the stadium, and ended with a blazing crowd of 80,000 people, at 0:12 p.m.—at 20:12 in the 24-hour time observed by Britons.

The show

Boyle, one of Britain's most successful filmmakers, who directed "Slumdog Millionaire" and "Trainspotting," had a hall with his fevered medium, mixing filmed passages with live action to hypnotic effect, with 10,000 volunteers taking part in the show.

Giant representations of historic villains from English literature, including J.M. Barrie's Captain Hook, J.K. Rowling's Voldemort and Ian Fleming's Goldfinger, took their spiraled

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LEAD OF THE MORNING Flag bearer Hidilyn Diaz, the first Filipino weightlifter for the Olympics, leads the Filipino contingent in the athletes' parade from 204 nations. The Philippines are among 10,500 athletes participating in the Games. Raja Laurel designed the team's barong Tagalog and salakot.

FIESTA WEAR Maria del Rosario Espinosa holds Mexico's national flag.

A-LIST AFFAIR Queen Elizabeth II, center, Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh, right, and International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge are just three of the many heads of state, royals and celebrities in attendance among the 80,000 spectators.

POLITICALLY-MINDED UNIFORM Spain's contingent outfit made by Madrid sportswear company Basso has been criticized for its garish red and gold style. Even the athletes themselves have been tweeting their complaints.

BY RALPH LAUREN Fencing champion Muriel Zagnoli bears the flag of the United States. The Ralph Lauren-designed uniform of the US team, widely criticized because they were made in China, still came across as hip and preppy.

EIGHT SWEDES Flag bearer Rolf-Goran Bengtsson leads the Swedish contingent.

Athletes like models of fashion's big names

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dresses modeled on those fit to carry one's entrails by Giorgio Armani, as well as outings of blue designs for their sailing team by Prada.

Stella McCartney has worked with Adidas to design the sporting gear and "Village wear" (read: loungewear) for Britain's home team, though the outfits weren't on show on Friday as athletes unveiled up in white and gold tracksuits. McCartney's gear takes inspiration from the Union Jimon flag, but she said she deconstructed it to make it "more delicate and feminine." Look out for Team GB's opening ceremony post. Red is sparingly used to highlight a palette that mostly features white and shades of blue—turquoise, navy and cobalt.

US team stylish

Meanwhile, the American team might have gotten a barrage of factories for its made-in-China Ralph Lauren uniforms, but the preppy designs were still some of the most stylish in the arena: close-cut navy blazers and all-white trousers, skirts and shoes, accessorized with navy berets and blue, red and white-striped scarves.

The Jamaican team is in the spotlight because of sprinter Usain Bolt, and it's fitting that it also got a boost in the fashion stakes this year. Their kit, which features the national colors as well as lightning-like prints, was designed by Deborah Muthay, daughter of reggae's iconic Rupie Bob Marley. Not Puma. The styles were modeled by a flamboyantly dancing Bolt at a London catwalk recently.

Deborah Muthay brings vibrant color to team Jamaica—"a blend of tropical yellow, green and black," said Avril Graham, Rupie's Barbar executive fashion and beauty editor, on Friday.

PH team

The Philippine team wore the national costume-inspired barong Tagalog by Rajo Laurel, one of Manila's highly celebrated fashion designers. Laurel used the colors black, gold and mocha for the ensemble, with the barong's embroidery featuring a modern cubes-inspired design with dark cocktail and blue threads. The salakot—a wide-brimmed native hat made of straw palms—overlaid with a thin covering of gold was the more controversy.

Other designers behind the Olympics this year include luxury label Hermès, which has designed riding jackets for the French equestrian team, and Salvatore Ferragamo, which designed the official uniform for the tiny European republic of San Marino.

Some designers didn't get involved in the official Olympics gear but used the Games as an opportunity to capitalize and promote their brands anyway.

Karl Lagerfeld, for example, launched an Olympic-themed women's wear collection called Team Karl at London department store Selfridges—though he reportedly said he wouldn't come in to watch the Games. Meanwhile, high-street chain store H&M said it was launching two pop-up stores dedicated to selling sportswear in London.

Surprising designs

Friday's athletes parade also showcased some surprising and less popular designs.

The German team was notable for not wearing their national colors at all—instead, the kit was all hot pink for the women's patents, and cornflower blue for the men; both were paired with white trousers. Tim Lincks, meanwhile, wore bright blue Wellington rain boots paired with white shorts.

Speedskater's alleged leader there were judgments about the much-maligned uniforms for the Spaniards and Russians, both made by Russian sportswear company Basso. Some Spanish athletes have posted tweets grumbling about their garish red and gold outfits, and there are even Spanish Facebook groups set up to campaign against the gear.

Official kit aside, there were strong fashion showings in the spectator stand, too.

Michelle and Kate

Michelle Obama chose a white dress by J. Mendel, while the Duchess of Cambridge, formerly known as Kate Middleton, dazzled with a pastel blue satin and crochet coat dress reportedly by womandesigner Christopher Kane. British Prime Minister David Cameron's wife, Samantha, demonstrated her fashion credentials with a bold red and black outfit by London-based designer Thiewanda Brinck.

HOME TEAM Members of Britain's contingent wear white and gold tracksuits. Stella McCartney's designs for the British team is not on show here. But match watcher it on the track and in the pool.

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Prosaic start for PH: Two archers make it to knockout stage

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who topped the rankings with elimination 671 points.

Earlier in the day Mark Javier, the first Filipino to see action in the Games, finished even lower on ranks, 55th in a field of 64. He will face American champion Brady Ellison in the knockout phase also on Sunday.

The shy and taciturn archer from Guinsaugon had what he called "an average day at the range, shooting 326 in the first half and 323 in the second half for an aggregate of 649.

Slim hope

The not-so-encouraging start raised the odds even higher against the two Filipinos in the tournament proper, where the lower-ranked archers are ranged against those in the top bracket. But the new teammates learned, adapted after the Beijing Olympics, gives a glimmer of hope to the lower-ranked players and raises the possibility allen's still remains, of an upset. That's the slim hope that officials of the Philippine Olympic Committee are clinging to.

The 27-year-old Gabriel, who hails from Guinsaugon, Cagayan, will be up against a Russian with solid credentials. Although ranked 32nd in the last world championship, Stepanova topped the World Cup in Shanghai last year after finishing second a year earlier.

She was also second in the European championships in 2010.

Javier will go up against an even more formidable opponent—the Ukrainian Olympian champion is among the top-ranked players in the world. In fact, he is the reigning champion in the Pan American Games and the World Cup in the last three years.

Upset not impossible

Still, an upset is not impossible.

In the 2004 Olympics in Athens, wild card entry Jeanette Figueroa created the biggest stir in the archery competition when she upset and eliminated the former world champion from Italy, only to lose a close match in the next round.

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2 Sines fall in 'shabu' bust

TWO CHINESE nationals and their Filipino companion were arrested inside Tutuban mall in Manila for allegedly selling the dangerous "shabu" to undercover agents on Friday night, Manila Police District Tondo station chief Senior Supt. Frumen Tandoc said one of the suspects, Zai Lou, 38, gave his address at the posh Del Lorenzo Village in Makati City. The other Chinese was identified as Xiadrui Cai of Dragon Street, Binondo, Manila, while the Filipino suspect was José Villareal of Pasong Tamo, Quezon City. Tandoc said seized from the suspects in a bag-lined waistline were P400,000 worth of shabu. Nancy C. Carvajal

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Forced home study still fun in QC

By Julie Pi-Aurelio

SOMETHING totally unplanned by the Department of Education has happened in the class of Aiza Sarasa, a teacher at Batasan National High School in Quezon City who handles students forced to go into the home schooling program this year due to lack of classrooms.

COPING BY CLICKING A sample online exchange between a teacher and home schooling students who can't be accommodated in regular classes due to classroom shortage.

Sarasa, who goes to more than students only once a week, has found an effective way to keep them updated on their lessons: A Facebook page opened reportedly for his home study classes.

To it Facebook group he set up for fourth-year students under his MAPEH (Music, Arts, Physical Education and Health) subjects, these "friends" can interact with him and ask questions in between their face-to-face sessions on Saturdays.

Through the social networking site, supplemental lessons, lectures and assignments are uploaded regularly for the students to access, download and study at home Mondays to Fridays.

This online approach was never on the Deped's manual and only assumed it knew the most the Batasan National teachers to cope with shortages, not only of classrooms but also of teaching modules for students under the home study program.

Sarasa pointed out that Facebook's function as a social network working site can be used more productively, this time to an alternative venue of learning.

"I asked my students: Is there anyone here who doesn't have an FB account? No one raised a hand. Obviously, everyone spends time on Facebook," he recalled in an interview with the Inquirer last week.

The FB group he created for his MAPEH class currently has 80 students as members, who regularly comment on the lessons and occasionally post off-topic ramblings.

One of Sarasa's lessons posted last month, for example, outlined the aging process and the physical changes it entails. He gave 10 questions on the topic—and at least 12 students posted their answers.

Batasan Hills National is one of the six schools in Quezon City which started implementing a Deped-approved home study project in June to address the problem of overcrowded classrooms.

Since the school's 112 classrooms are only good for 10,000 students, some 5,895 students who could not be accommodated are covered by the program this year.

Deped has been implementing the program since 2008, but usually for coverage on working students or transferees and never before on such a large scale in a single locality.

Liz Gonzaga Medina, supervisor/chief of the Quezon City Division of Schools, said Deped really encourages the use of information technology to reach more students.

"The use of FB is not something we required of the teachers. It's okay to upload lessons on FB. In fact, we are lobbying to have more computers to promote IT in learning," she said.

Due to budget constraints, schools encounter difficulties in the reproduction of modules, prompting teachers to adopt another mode of education, the social. Some have resorted to old-fashioned photocopying, for example, but it still means charging the parents at least P5 for the students' copies.

But others like Sarasa took advantage of Facebook's popularity by creating a group where additional lessons are uploaded for students with internet access.

'Sleeping while standing' and other city jail blues

SOME have mastered the pitiful art of sleeping "in a standing position." Others likened themselves to cursed zombies "just waiting for the sunset."

One literally noted that all his eight court hearings for the past two years had been postponed for one reason or another.

These were just some of the findings of a nongovernment organization which had been working to improve the conditions and protect the rights of jail inmates, starting with legal education sessions and other measures to address overcrowding.

The Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation (HLAF) recently held a series of dialogues with different jail officials in Metro Manila. It also conducted meetings in criminal law for detainees who are expected to remain behind bars for several years, like those charged with heinous crimes.

In a statement, HLAF said that with the help of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology it had successfully worked on the release of almost 2,000 inmates in just four months.

The HLAF dialogues were held with the support of the Australian Agency for International Development (Ausaid) and the New Zealand Embassy in Manila.

The group discovered, for example, that more than half or about 39 percent of court hearings involving Quezon City jail inmates from March to May this year did not push through. In Caloocan City, 51 percent of the hearings were postponed.

HLAF Executive Director Rommel Mir Abiera came across the case of one inmate "whose eight hearings in a span of two years were all postponed."

"The detainee said their hearings were either over for various reasons. The judge, the prosecutor, or the arresting officer was not available," HLAF said.

It also noted that more than a third of the total number of inmates in Caloocan and Quezon City are suffering from various illnesses, from toothaches to diabetes, from fainting fits to cervical cancer.

As of May 2012, the Caloocan City Jail was holding 1,298 male and 78 female inmates, or about double its "ideal capacity" of about 600 inmates, it said.

In the Quezon City Jail, 814 inmates shared cells built only for a hundred people. That's "934 persons" of its intended capacity, the group also reported.

"It is said that in women city jails, inmates sleep in a standing position, or they sleep in shifts due to lack of space," HLAF added. Will Castro-cruz

MetroBriefs

P'que cop kills pal: 'How dare you go against me!'

INVESTIGATORS are trying to determine what could have prompted a Parañaque City police man to drag in on his friend to the dead of night—and kill him. Parañaque police chief Senior Supt. Joel Coronel (Ret.) identified Pfc. Joseph Padilla of Barangay San Dionisio, Parañaque City, as the suspect in the killing of Pfc. Jaime Javier, 28, at 3:30 a.m. on Friday in the presence of his family at the victim's home in Block 2, Pilapinay, also in San Dionisio. Investigation showed that Javier was asleep, together with his live-in partner Liezel Briones and their two sons, when Padilla arrived. As Javier got up to meet Padilla, the latter started yelling "Siga ka, ako pa kinaka-ibi mo! (You idiot, how dare you go against me!)" before shooting the victim with his .38-cal. handgun. Padilla then "casually" walked out to his blue motorcycle and sped off toward Hinalayan, Pateros, to remain at large. Cooking Arenas, Parañaque Station Investigation Division Head Chief Insp. Enrique Ilo said the suspect and the victim knew each other well. "They were friends. He (Padilla) used to send Junior on errands. He was his family," he said. Jaymee T. Gamil

Manila judge slams shabby treatment of city hall casuals

A MANILA judge, who last month reinstated over a thousand dismissed casual and contractual workers under Gov Mayor Isko Moreno and the city council, denied the city government's appeal for failure to present new arguments. Judge Daniel Villanueva also expressed alarm over the kind of treatment extended to the workers, saying they should be considered like permanent employees "in terms of human dignity." "The court is concerned or apprehensive of what appears to be a rather cavalier attitude by some high city officials when it comes to the fate of their casual employees," Villanueva said on Friday. He noted that the council had not acted quickly on the workers' salaries at the start of the year, and that Mayor Alfredo Lim had signed the appropriation without vetoing any portion of the city's budget. "The executive branch has no excuse but to implement it," he said. The mass layoffs caused Lim and Moreno (the former actor Francisco Domagoso off-screen) and drove the latter to break their longtime alliance and join the camp of former President Joseph Estrada, Lim's apparent rival in next year's elections. Aike Morales

Cable thieves seen as cause of fire

A FIRE broke out on the roof deck of an abandoned 20-story hotel in Manila before dawn Saturday, authorities believe it was caused by burglars who were after electrical cables from the condemned building. Manila fire department chief Insp. Rodrigo Dela Cuesta said a threehour fire broke out on the roof deck of what used to be Grand Boulevard Hotel (formerly Manila Hotel) on Roxas Boulevard around 3:34 a.m. Arson investigators suspected that thieves broke into the building and tried to extract copper wires by using a flame to melt the rubber coating. Aside of copper wires sold to junk shops fetches around P500. The building has been under the custody of the city government since 2008 following the hotel's failure to pay taxes. Nancy C. Carvajal

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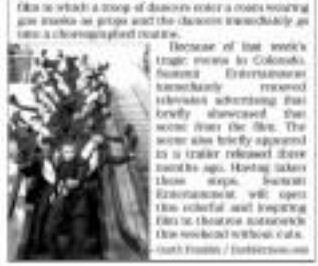
"Step Up Revolution" won't cut gas mask scene

"STEP UP REVOLUTION" is Summit Entertainment's latest installment on the most popular dance movie ever filmed with over $110Mion in worldwide box office. There is a brief scene in the film in which a group of dancers enter a room wearing gas masks as props and the character immediately go into a choreographed routine.



Because of last week's tragic events in Colorado, Summit Entertainment immediately removed television advertising that briefly showcased that scene from the film. The scene also briefly appeared in a trailer released three months ago. Hoping takes those steps, Summit Entertainment will open this colorful and inspiring film in theaters nationwide this weekend without cuts.

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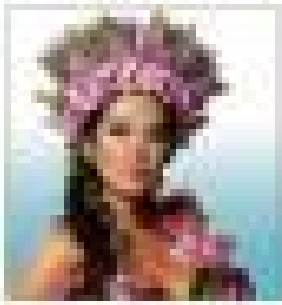
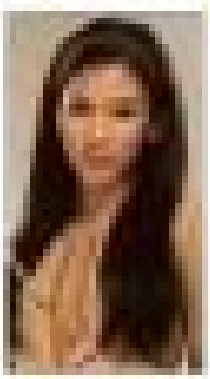
TV5 reshapes primetime yet a





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The WORLD

Editor Lawrence B. Greco

US growth falls to tepid 1.5%; recovery uncertain

THE US economy has lost the momentum it appeared to be building earlier this year, as the latest government statistics showed that it expanded by a mere 1.5-percent annual rate in the second quarter.

The mixed recovery makes the United States more vulnerable to trouble in Europe and, in turn, the perennial expiration of several tax breaks and other buoyant measures at the end of the year, known as the fiscal cliff. It also illustrates the electorate's challenge to President Barack Obama, who must sell his economic record to voters as the recovery slows.

Growth, as measured by the gross domestic product, lagged as consumers curbed new spending and businesses held back. Several bright spots in the first three months of the year, including auto production, computer sales and large purchases like appliances and televisions, diminished or faded away altogether in the second quarter, and government at all levels continued to cut spending. Growth was not strong enough to drive down the unemployment rate, which has stalled above 8 percent in recent months.

The Inhibitor Spies immediately gave Obama's opponents the opportunity to question the federal government's response to the financial crisis, though a vast majority of economists agree that the stimulus and the bank bailouts saved jobs. House Speaker John Boehner said the GDP report, released on Friday by the Commerce Department, showed "the need to stop all of the looming tax hikes." The report also spurred calls from liberals for the government to do more.

The Federal Reserve, which has lowered its forecasts in recent months, is watching the slowdown carefully as it considers further stimulus, though several analysts said on Friday that they doubted that new action from the Fed could lessen much effect.

"Given where interest rates are, I think it should be evident that we're in one of those spots where in order to lift growth, government needs to spend money," said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at HIS Global Insight Research.

The economy is following a pattern established over several years now—hopes raised by modest acceleration that later fizzles out....Also underscores the notion that rebounds after financial busts take their sweet time.

This year, many of the weakening signs were evident after a spurt of activity during an unseasonably warm winter.

But improvement strong enough to provide real traction or lower the jobless rate remains one of much. While the economy has not entered a downward spiral in which consumers limit on itself, senior Jim O'Sullivan, the chief US economist for High Frequency Economics, an analysis firm, "there does not appear to be much basis for expecting a significant pickup any time soon."

AP/YGN

Zuckerberg loses $2.3B as Facebook value slides

WASHINGTON—Investors wiped $50 billion off the value of Facebook Inc. on Friday, making the recently listed shares in a new low, after the social network offered less revenue and analysts said mobile investments would put future earnings under pressure.

The 17-percent slide in the shares sent Facebook's market capitalization to $40 billion—half its IPO launch value of $100 billion in May.

The latest slide cost CEO Mark Zuckerberg, the 28-year-old who founded Facebook in his Harvard dorm room, around $2.3 billion, based on his share holding.

The social network just beat revenue expectations on Thursday in its first quarterly earnings but the company failed to reassure investors about its future prospects.

"Facebook has established itself as an Internet reality but it might take a while for Facebook to gain Wall Street love," Citi investment research analysts said in a note. Investors worried about how the social network would make money from mobile advertising, had hoped that the company would signal that revenue growth was picking up.

The shares have shed around 40 percent of their value since the company's 28 reported debut at $38 on May 18.

They fell to a record-low $32.26 in morning trading on Friday before recovering a little to $33.03. It was the real penny-like most heavily traded stock, with 52 million changing hands.

At least four brokerages, including Barclays Capital, cut their price targets on Facebook stock. Reuters

SENIORS KNOW BEST

Various senior citizens groups have forged a partnership with RiteMed, the leading undisputed line of medicines in the country, under the RiteCare program. A comprehensive health care program that was developed to address the health needs of senior citizens. As the leading private sector proponent of the Right to Health advocacy, RiteMed believes that senior citizens have the right not only to access high-quality medicines but also right to be informed on how to improve their well-being. With education as an integral part of RiteCare, RiteMed now takes senior citizens to Ambrosi Laboratories, the only European Medicines Agency-certified plant in the Philippines to show them the important elements of manufacturing high-quality pharmaceutical products. Photo shows members of the Association of Senior Citizens of Barangay Marikina, Inc. who visited the plant recently. RiteMed medicines are manufactured at Ambrosi Laboratories, a subsidiary of Unilab.

Syria helicopters pound Aleppo as assault looms

BEIRUT—Syrian military helicopters pounded a central district of Aleppo on Saturday as forces loyal to President Bashar al-Assad prepared for an onslaught on rebel fighters that could determine the fate of the country's biggest city opposition sources said.

Turkey, once a friend but now a fierce critic of the Syrian government, joined growing diplomatic pressure on Assad, calling for his government troops to end raids the military buildup.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, an opposition group which collects information on the uprising against Assad that has gripped Syria for the past 16 months, reported helicopter attacks on the central Sukkari district of Aleppo and residential districts elsewhere in the city.

"Helicopters are hovering in the skies of the remainder of Sukkari after dawn and bombarding it," the group said in an e-mailed statement. "There are also violent clashes in the surroundings of Sukkari district."

The battle for the city of 2.5 million people is seen as a crucial test for a government that has committed major military resources to recovering control of its own main power centers, Aleppo and Damascus, in the face of a growing insurgency.

While neither side has managed to gain the upper hand, the encounter of the uprising is having wrenching uncertainty in the surrounding regions and beyond as fears that sectarian unrest could spread to volatile neighboring countries.

Three rebel fighters were killed in clashes between midnight and dawn on Saturday in Aleppo, the Observatory said. It said 168 people were reported killed in Syria on Friday, adding to an overall death toll of around 18,000 since the uprising began.

Video footage provided by the Observatory showed smoke rising over apartment blocks in the city into a hazy sky on Saturday. The sound of sporadic gunfire could be clearly heard.

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said late on Friday that international institutions needed to work together to address the military assault on Aleppo and Assad's threat to use chemical weapons against external enemies.

"There is a build-up in Aleppo, and the recent statements with respect to the use of weapons of mass destruction are serious (that we cannot remain) as observers or spectators in," he said at a joint news conference in London with British Prime Minister David Cameron. Reuters

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States fail to reach deal on global arms

UNITED NATIONS—Member states failed to reach agreement on Friday on a new UN treaty to regulate the multibillion-dollar global arms trade, and some diplomats and supporters blamed the United States for triggering the unraveling of the month-long negotiating conference.

Hopes had been raised that agreement could be reached on a revised treaty text that closed many major loopholes by Friday's deadline set by the United States announced Friday and ruling that it needed more time to consider the proposed treaty—and Russia and China then also asked for more time.

"This was inspiring yesterday by the Obama administration, which at the last minutes did an about-face and scrapped progress toward a global arms treaty, I am on a standard distinish line," said Suzanne Sewall of Amnesty International USA. AP

WORLDBRIEFS

Colorado theater shooter saw psychiatrist

AURORA, Colorado—James Eagan Holmes—suspected in the Aurora movie theater attack—was seeing a University of Colorado psychiatrist whom he allegedly mailed a notebook before the July 20 massacre, two law enforcements recent. Police in the wake of new days of news stories about the contents of the notebook, which several news outlets reported contained details of Holmes' alleged murder plan. Those reports were based on unnamed law enforcement sources. On Friday, Holmes' attorneys filed papers accusing the prosecution of leaking damaging information about him, and District Attorney Carol Chambers, in response, denied the charge and alleged that some of the stories may have been fabricated. Those leading motions included the assertion that Holmes, a 24-year-old Californian who enrolled in a doctorate program at the University of Colorado, was seeing Lynne Fenton, a psychiatrist. New York Times News Service

Angry Chinese protesters occupy gov't office

QIDONG, China—Angry demonstrators occupied a government office in western China on Saturday, destroying computers and overturning cars in a virulent protest against an industrial waste pipeline they said would pollute their environment and harm their health, the latest in a string of protests sparked by fears of environmental degradation and highlights the social tensions The government in Beijing faces as it approaches a leadership transition this year. About 1,000 protesters marched through the coastal city of Qidong, about one hour north of Shanghai by car, shouting slogans against the plan pipeline that would empty waste from a paper factory in a nearby town into the sea. Reuters

France expected to pass sexual harassment law

PARIS—French lawmakers next week are expected to approve a further reading sexual harassment law after a top court threw out previous legislation on the grounds that it was vague and insufficient. Under the new bill, which unanimously passed the National Assembly on Wednesday, sexual harassment will be considered a criminal offense, punishable by two years in jail and a 30,000-euro fine, almost $37,000. The Senate passed a similar version of the bill earlier. AP/YGN

Denmark to amass data for North Pole claim

COPENHAGEN—Denmark will dispatch a scientific expedition to the Arctic Ocean at the end of the month to gather data before it submits a formal claim to a vast tract north of Greenland that includes the North Pole. Such a claim would be made under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (Unclos), setting up a possible clash of interests with fellow Arctic coastal states Russia and Canada that are making their own claims. Denmark contends it is interested in helping a claim to a part of the planet believed to be rich in untapped oil and gas, but rules out a territorial "land grab" or laying claims into contravention over competing claims. Reuters

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SPORTS

A PYROMANIA display highlights the opening ceremony of the London Olympics.

Best show on earth opens even better

By Ted S. Molavedra, Sports Editor

LONDON—The nation which gave the world the Beatles, Shakespeare, Harry Potter, James Bond, the jet engine and the wide, among other things, upstaged the London Olympics a record third time in dazzling, eye-popping ceremonies here Friday night (Saturday morning in Manila).

Last in the economic celebration of everything that is good about being British was the superb cast of the tiny Philippine delegation that was led into the Games by female weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz and refreshingly included some athletes-in-fatigues officials, 11 in all.

As the stadium announcer called in the Philippines and prefaced the introduction with "A winner of seven Olympic medals but will have to make the big-5 (for gold)," the resurgent roared to the 70,000 spectators and their prompdy took its place among the famous names lights.

Behind Diaz, also a veteran of the Beijing Olympics, marched chief of mission Manny Lopez, Philippine Olympic Committee chair Monico Puentevella, shooting diaf Mikee Romero and the athletes' coaches.

No other city has hosted the Summer Games three times and no other head of state has declared the Games open twice. Queen Elizabeth also did the honors at Montreal, Canada—a British Commonwealth nation—in 1976.

The $50-million 3-hour production, directed by Danny Boyle, did not aim but hit the impossibly high standard set by Beijing 2008. Instead, Boyle's army of 10,000 volunteers and his creative genius made the Beijing model irrelevant.

After Bradley Wiggins, Britain's latest Tour de France winner, rang in the Games using a golden 23 ton bell made specially for the occasion, the ceremony exploded in a brilliant burst of colors and culture.

Lights-down-low-on kaleidoscopic scenes of British life as the show featured amazingly complex images and visual effects.

Actor Kenneth Branagh's resident Shakespeare, a "boy sang a spellbinding solo of William Blake's Jerusalem, and as the mass, fired audience roared their approval, cheerleaders rose up behind a snares wheel to spotlight Britain's Industrial Revolution.

Doctors and nurses surfaced—among hundreds—hospital beds in a dazzling salutes, and images of British life past and present took a starring role as the scenes galloped through the history of the British Isles.

In a salute to wicked wizardry, a 42-foot puppet of Lord Voldemort, the evil wizard from the Harry Potter books, materialized over the proceedings.

Comedian Simon Atkinson of Mr. Bean fame brought the house down with a couple of antics—a unique-mixed performance on the grand piano and a dear-undone act in a scene from The Queen and I/Five.

In a change-of-tempo to the breathtakingly fast show, Daniel Craig as James Bond Agent 007 fetched the Queen at Buckingham Palace and, in a realistic video, introduced her and her husband to the Olympic gallery after parachuting from a helicopter.

"Let the Games of the 2012 London Olympics begin," the Queen later said, by way of declaring the ecumenisms—also hosted by London in 1948 and 1908—open.

"The show was spectacular and everyone in our group enjoyed the way Britain opened the Games in such style," said Lopez. "Compared to the other opening ceremonies in the past,

MORE ON A

HIDILYN Diaz carries the Philippine flag as she leads the country's delegation during the traditional Olympic march past Friday

Superal defies odds, reaches golf finals

PRINCESS Superal bucked overwhelming odds and endured a one-hour rain delay to complete a pair of winning scenarios that put the top $7,500-backed lad into the finals of the Women's Field Historical Golf Championship at the Members Club at Woodcreek in Colombia, South Carolina (USA).

Superal, 16, used exceptional putting to overcome Nika Paris' two-hole lead at the turn and pulled through on the second extra hole in their quarterfinal duel. Then she overwhelmed Rinky Matamoros, 3&2, in the semifinals to gain a crack at the championship.

"She was so brilliant on the greens, making long, impressive putts," said ICTSI team coach Dong Lopez. "She also displayed a big fighting heart, never giving up against Patrick Hepcaster."

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Rain or Shine goes for 3-1 lead vs B-Meg today

By Mussey E. Castillo

AFTER practically going up with still more than a quarter left on Friday, Tim Cone certainly left a bad taste in the stomach as five of Mega's legions of fans are concerned.

Cone recalled his arguments and his impact to the bench as the time Rain or Shine broke away in Game 3, saying that he wanted to preserve them for the big pre-game dinner and adding that "I can't see worry about the fans."

Whether that meant to supposedly "freshen up" Cone's team will work a day later factor in today's Game 4 when the heavily favored Gin-Kings try to avoid dropping a 3-1 hole by undermined Rain or Shine in their 2011 Governors Cup title series at Smart Araneta Coliseum.

"It's a big picture thinker. This [excuse of benching James Yap next Go] is not about winning a game, but a series," Cone said. "That was a better strategy at this point. I was basically trying to steal some rest for those guys."

But Rain or Shine coach Yeng Guiao believes that it would have still been a victory for the Elasto Painters even if the 5-Mega superstars were utilized in the match.

But Lee, the super Rain or Shine rook, is still id out a second straight game because of a dislocated left shoulder. Guiao said Lee's presence on the bench helped fire up the Painters in Game 3 as they pursued their quest for a first-ever league title.

"We played as hard as we could tonight," Guiao said after the 95-84 Game 3 win. "Without Paul [Lee], we thought that the biggest compliment we could do to our play for him. He helped to get him."

For the league, Cone's move last Friday time the wizard opposite of its avowed goal to please the fans, first and foremost.

"I did it if I knew 'on another' rule," Cone explained of the third quarter exit due to the bench. "That group (Yap and Co.) didn't have the requisite energy to get us back in the game. We are just worn out."

"My job is to win championships for this organization and not to make the crowd happy," he continued. "I love the fans. Maybe we can make them happy on Sunday (today)."

Yap had just seven points in just over two—quarters of exposure, 01 Simon Ildefonso made just four in 24 minutes and Marnia Blakely had just 15 markers in 55 minutes.

What was puzzling was that Cone put in rookie JM Ibanes with just over four minutes left and the game still in the balance. It was a very difficult situation that Arwind found himself in, as he was asked to take those triple tries with only one attempt managing to hit the tin.

Eagles repulse Archers; Tigers snare Bulldogs

By Jasmine M. Payo

UNIC Slaughters Mon Salva and Kiefer Ravena combined for all but one of Ateneo's four fourth-quarter points as the Ateneo Blue Eagles turned back the La Salle Green Archers, 77-65, yesterday to claim sole second in the UAAP men's basketball tournament.

"What's always playing La Salle, there's no guarantee how it's going to," said Ateneo coach Norman Black as the Eagles improved to 3-1 behind unbeaten and idle leader Far Eastern after the blockbuster showdown in front of a 17,000-strong crowd at the Mall of Asia Arena.

"It doesn't matter which team has more talent. We expect every game to be close," added Black, who is looking to give Ateneo a fifth straight title before turning to coach Talk 'N Text in the PBA.

University of Santo Tomas, which dealt Ateneo's lone loss so far, remained in possession first by coming from behind to beat National University 77-71, in the first game.

Jamie Teng unleashed 21 points, including two key triples in the fourth quarter where the Tigers knotted from 12-points down, 53-53, before moving up to third place at 2-1.

"Haha marami na naman (We got lucky again)," said UST coach Pido Jarencio, just nine days after the Tigers downed back from a 16-point hole for a 71-70 decision over the Eagles.

The Bulldogs, who fell 20-15 in the second quarter, and the Archers dropped to 2-2.

Slaughter pumped in 26 points and grabbed seven rebounds, while Salva delivered 16 markers and seven boards. Ravena drilled 8-10 of his 10 points in the fourth quarter, which the Blue Eagles dominated before LB Revilla, Jerom Teng and Norbert Torres led the La Salle fightback.

In the crowd during the tussle La Salle fanfit was Bo Perasol, the PBA coach tagged as Ateneo's "Blue checker" for eighteen flash when the Ateneans went to return to the pro league at the end of the season.

LA SALLE import Jarron Teng (top) shoots over Ateneo's Von Pessumal during yesterday's match. RAZON ALVIAR

Tiu still undecided on pro career

IT Wild are considered advice to cager Chris Tiu, coming from a handful of selected sports writers who attended the press briefing of his new program on the TV 5 studio/field auditorium.

Collectively, the group urged him to file an application for new transfer PBA draft, scheduled on Aug. 28 at Robinson's Manila.

The former Blue Eagle who retired Dec. 2010 has only has until the Aug. 2 deadline to do it.

As the time of the launch, Chris said he was still undecided. He only has a week to make up his mind.

"Right now the possibility that I would join the draft is 50-45 (percent)," Chris said.

He explained that he was hesitant to turn pro because the brand of play in the PBA has become "very rough and violent."

Some of his former teammates, he said, have told him that they have sustained themselves not to withstand the demands of the game but to protect themselves from getting seriously hurt.

"Another NBA, the games are also high, its physical, but there's a difference between being physical and being rough. The players don't end up with shortened careers," he said.

If he has his choice, Chris said he would rather play for the national team for a few more years.

He didn't say it out but Chris must have been overtaken since he was informed that he was not in the Gilas Pilipinas line team that was formed by new head Gilas head coach Chot Reyes, who replaced Serbian Rajko Toroman.

He was invited to join the same squad as Jayson B. Ivan Chris politely declined; it was a donation.

"It was obvious they didn't need me anymore. I played three years for the elite lineup Gilas team under coach Toroman and was even appointed team captain."

Chris is 27 and doesn't need to play basketball to earn a living. It's not a passion. Hoping it mildly, he belongs to an opulent family that owns a hotel and a five-star hotel, among other business interests.

Chris himself is a small business entrepreneur who has made several investments. He has seamless advocacies, among them food security and agricultural career, and he is one of the most sought-after product endorsers obviously because of his wholesome image.

"I have all endorsements in all," Chris said. He may have outlayed the record of no less than the People's champ, Manny Pacquiao.

Yesterday afternoon, I called Chris to ask if his last tussle a decision on his joining the PBA draft. He said it was 60-40.

Disgusted by the members of the Chris fans, (by heart, not to discuss the matter, Chris said he would decide on the issue of draft by before he can make a decision on an important issue such as joining the PBA.

We forecast Unicamly as he told us that for him, joining the PBA is "now or never" considering that he is 27, "although I feel only 23."

Again we urged him to run to the PBA office in Libis while there's still time. Otherwise he'll have to wait a long, long for the rest of his life how he would have loved had he joined the pros.

IN HUDDLE

Beth Cuevas

SSC whips Arellano; Perpetual scores

MOVE! Rapid #USAC tries to post up a Mapua-Perpetual Help defender. NOAH MACABALONG

By Cedrik P. Tupas

IAN MUSUTAN inspired Arellano, 61-70, for its fifth straight win, flying Jose Rizal U yesterday in the NCAA basketball tournament at the Filoil Flying V Arena in San Juan.

Musutan, a sharpshooter from through with a season-high 27 points and grabbed 16 boards as the Stags dominated the Chiefs throughout.

Gabriel Alonzo added 22 points and pulled down 10 boards, notching his first double-double for the Stags, who broke away in the second quarter.

Struggling in the first half, Arff Vidal found his shooting touch just in time as Jil Pesquera had help to a dramatic 72-71 victory over Emilio Aguinaldo College earlier.

Vidal ended three triples inside the last 1:02, including the game winning three with five seconds remaining, as the Altas completed an incredible rally from 11 points down in the last 06 seconds for their sixth victory in eight outings.

The stunning comeback left cornerbacking coach Eric del Rosario in tears as the Altas appeased their win road from last year into eight games into the season.

"We did our play well for most of the game, but the players never gave up on themselves," del Rosario said in Filipino. "We just stuck together."

Vidal drained back-to-back triples or two possessions by the Generals in a six-and-span to trim the gap, 66-71, prompting del Rosario to compare him to former University of Santo Tomas gunner Henry Ong.

"How team always has a chance if you have players like Arff," said del Rosario.

"I couldn't get my dysfunction the first half as I had to run it up in the second half," said Vidal.

TOP CHOICE
Mr. Sanchez's cut

Rivera takes Asian karting pole position over 3 foreigners

LAGUNA, Cavite—The Philippines' Milo Rivera of Tough Gear/Fren C Racing takes the pole position for the two Finals today following an impressive show at the start of the 2012 Asian Karting Open Championship Series at the Gateway Racetrack.

The 16-year-old Rivera gained the best consolidated points from the three qualifying heats yesterday.

Foreign aces took the next three spots as the starting grid. Gabriel Asaraudine of Indonesia, who clinched the season-up honors in the Macau kickoff, will start second with Malaysian Ismet Yandal Bin Yasin of Singapore and Jose Thailand Ice Tempon Sukkasee behind to third and fourth.

Another Filipino, Christopher Joseph "CJ" Tria—completed the top five cars in the Pro-Final races are in the morning. The Final races are set in the afternoon.

36th Milo Marathon NCR qualifying stage on

HOME 30,000 runners will answer the starting gun in the Metro Manila qualifying leg of the 36th National Milo Marathon at the SM Mall of Asia grounds in Pasay today.

Participants in the 42.4 qualifier are expected to reach 2,000. There will be specific qualifying time for different age brackets. Other events are 21K, 10K, 5K and 3K.

The 42.K winners will garner P50,000 each while the runners-up will settle for P30,000.

Foreign runners must have working visas to compete today. Those who would not go through any qualifying stage but want to join the national finals must also present proofs of finish in any race accredited by the Association of International Marathons and Distance Races (AIMS) or International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) within one year before race day. The Milo Marathon is accredited by the AIMS.

"We will provide medics, police and marshals along the route," said race organizer Fin de la Cruz.

Winners from today's elimination race will join, among others, early qualifiers Jeremiah Arnie, Jonas winner Cristobal Bustos, Wilson Manansala, Larry Cardona, three-time champion Eduardo Buenaventa, Rhodil Gillesania and 2006 king Julius Semiana in the Dec. 9 national finals, also at the SM MOA grounds.

Running is another

This 'Pinoy' archer shoots for Canada

By Antonio T. Bagacina Jr., News Editor

LONDON—There's a second Filipino competing in the track divisions of the archery competition in the 2012 Olympic Games here, but though he's proud of his heritage, he cannot represent the Philippines.

Crispin Duenas is a 26-year-old physics major who represents the land of his birth, Canada, although his parents are pure-blooded Filipinos.

Born and raised in Toronto, Duenas would have wanted to represent the Philippines in international competitions, including the Olympics, but the Canadian archery federation, which had nurtured his career since he was 14, won't let him go.

"They (the Philippine archery association) asked me to join the Philippine team a few years back, but Team Canada didn't want to give me up," he said.

Crispin is the only child of Roland and Eileen Duenas of Malolos and Manila, who migrated to Canada before Crispin was born 26 years ago. Roland is currently retired IT expert based in Toronto and Eileen, also retired, had worked for a logistics company.

Duenas ranked eighth in the men's ranking round of the archery competition held at the Lord's Cricket Grounds a few hours before the Olympic opening ceremony here Friday.

He will face Egypt's Ahmed Al Nozie in the men's round of 32 on Monday.

DUENAS

The official Filipino entry in the men's draw, Mark Javier, ranked 55th and will have the daunting task of overcoming a formidable opponent, the 10th-ranked United States champion, Brady Ellison, on Monday.

In the women's draw, Rachelle Anne Cabral finished the ranking round in 48th place and will face Russia's 17th-ranked Inna Stepanova in the knockout phase of the competition on Tuesday.

The rankings almost matched Javier and Duenas in the round of 32. They missed the matchup by only two places.

The ranking round determined the pairings for the first round of the knockout matches of the competition.

Duenas, his exuberant face betraying the amount of training he has logged in the heat of the North American summer, appeared confident not only of going through the first round but also of winning the gold.

"If I shoot really, really well, I've gotta win," he said.

Pleasing, however, means having the necessary mental strength and getting past the three South Koreans who occupy the first three places in the ranking round.

"I know the Koreans are better than me. But hey, they're human," he said.

Joan McDonald, his coach since he was 14, said Duenas is "absolutely" proud of his Filipino heritage and would be delighted to visit the Philippines someday.

SWIMMERS Jessica Vall, Laszlo Cseh of Hungary, Michael Phelps of the United States and China's Wang Chengning compete in the men's 400-meter individual medley heats at the Aquatics Centre.

Barriga faces Italian foe in Olympic debut

By Ted E. Malandres

LONDON—There's a mountain of a foe called Zou Shiming for light flyweight boxer Mark Barriga.

But first, the only Filipino pug in the London Olympics here must scale two hills in order to set up an all-or-nothing quarterfinal clash with Olympic world No. 1 and reigning Olympic champion Zou.

In a draw Filipino officials described as "good" for the country's lone ring bet, Barriga got Italian fighter Mussel Cappai in his first round opponent in boxing's lightest division (which flew off on Tuesday at Olympic Park's ExCeL South Arena 2 in Southeast here.

The 19-year-old pug from Bradley in Davao, however, landed in the same half of the draw as Zou, the tall and wiry veteran who beat him in the quarterfinals of an Olympic qualifier in Uzbekistan last year.

Zou, along with the world's next three best-ranked light flyweights, drew a first-round bye and will fight the winner of the bout between Billy Sibrel of Australia and the dangerous Yordanys Mesa Ibais of Uzbekistan.

Cappai is eight months older than Barriga and boasts a bronze medal in the 2008 world championships. The youngest Italian ever to box at the Olympics, the Cagliari-born Cappai trains under his father Salvatore, a five-time Italian featherweight champion.

A win over Cappai will send Barriga into a second-round bout with the winner of the fight between Kazakhstan's Bekbosyn Zhakypov and France's Jimmy Rimon on Saturday. Another victory will set up the Zou encounter.

Filipino boxing coach Reol Alberio said Cappai moves and fights like Zou but to a lesser degree.

"Bisaya si Zou, kung magkaro—mas tall, taller, mirror, unlike Cappai fights like Zou—he throws a punch and then reverses," said Alberio, who watched a video clip of the Italian on YouTube. "Unsaysayan kaya para hindi kaninguna (big in first not so good in) Zou. We have a good chance."

Barriga, who has never fought Cappai before, sent his Italian foe for the first time during the weigh-in Friday afternoon. Cappai, at 5 feet 5 inches, is taller by four inches.

"I am the shortest in the group," said Barriga in Filipino. "He moves quick but I am ready for him."

Apart from the bronze at the world championships, Cappai also won bronze in last year's European championships, losing to reigning champion Alexander Alexandrov of Bulgaria on points in the semifinals.

Also drawing first-round byes are world No. 2 Shiv Jouy Sun of South Korea, No. 3 Daniil Aymyrzaev of Russia and No. 4 Enkhbatta Puevdorj of Mongolia.

Best show on earth . . .

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this one-yard situation to the athletes' welfare. Apparently, the organizers did not want the athletes to starve the event.

All 11 Filipino athletes, garbed in Ralph Lauren-styled Filipiniana attire, joined the parade.

Archers Mark Javier and Rachelle Anne Cabral, who both saw action earlier in the day in the 70-meter classification round, joined BMX rider Daniel Caluag, boxer Mark Barriga, long jumper Marestella Torres, 5,000-meter runner Rene Herrera, swimmers Jasmine Alkhaldi and Jessi-Ching Lacsina, skeet shooter Bruno Tenorio and Filipino-Japanese judoka Yoshihiro Kudaira in the parade.

"What a show," gushed Caluag, the Filipino-American former four-time UCI No. 1, who was the last to march into the Olympic Village Thursday. "That's what the Olympics is all about."

"It's the best show on earth made even better," said Gil Buttran, 21, a Filipino volunteer garbed in the Games' red, pink and purple uniform.

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Sunday BIZ

A tale of two women in business

By Phyrna Rodriguez-Co
Contributor

MYRNA Castro Illesin and Cynthia Aguilar Villar.

Successful women entrepreneurs both, but poles apart in motivation when they were beginning their respective ventures.

Villar, a former representative, had altruistic incentive at the outset—to create livelihood opportunities for low- income citizens in Las Piñas City.

For her part, Illesin saw more business for the usual mundane—to generate income for herself and her family and secure her children's future.

Somehow, both women ended up improving their creative talents and uplifting the lives of the people they work with.

Illesin, owner and founder of Bets Crafts, Inc. and Villar, president of Villar Foundation, renovated their superlatives, struggles, and insights in starting and running their enterprises as a retreat forum on "Disaster-resilient Entrepreneurial Leadership" organized by the Small Enterprises Research and Development Foundation (Serdef) and the UP Institute for Small-Scale Industries (UPISSI).

Bets story: Focus on productivity, worker's welfare

Myrna and husband Joe Illesin began the business in 1978 as JH Woodcrafts, mainly engaged in producing wooden canvas—rosewood wood used in base for woodworks. But because...

In time, the sole proprietorship grew into a conglomerate of four companies producing furniture for the international market.

The couple named it Bets Crafts, Inc., after their hometown in Pampanga that conquered furniture has made famous.

Today, Bets Crafts is the acknowledged leader in hand-carved and solid wood furniture and accessories like reproduction chairs, tables, mirrors, consoles, bedroom pieces and carts.

It enjoys a strong following in both the local and export markets, including the United States, Australia and countries in Europe and the Middle East.

Bets products are rather upscale. They end up in the living rooms of the rich and famous, even the blue-blooded.

MYRNA Illesin and Cynthia Villar

"I sometimes see my pieces in foreign magazines and movies, with the likes of Jean Collins, Boy George, and Jessica Hickel," Illesin quips.

She attributes the growth of Bets Crafts to carefully planned productivity measures. "It is not in the race, you have to be very good at what you are doing."

For this reason, the company has invested in year-round programs of raising productivity and skills and benchmarking productivity values among workers. For example wood carvers undergo continuing training, as carving is considered the company's competitive edge.

In the early days, Bets Crafts approached the Department of Science and Technology (DOST) agencies for technical support. The Forest Products Research and Development Institute (FPRDI) obliged with a kiln dryer, spray booths, and a semi-skilled dust collection system. The Technology Application and Promotion Institute (TAPI) sent UP OSH and health consultants to customize factory layout and work flow.

The business has since spread to three other companies managed by the Illesin children: Share them a Chair, run by Allan, JR Woodcrafts, by Leslie Illesin-Abendaño, and Sirath Sea Weaves Corporation, by Liezl Wiela.

CYNTHIA Villar of Villar Foundation

The management of Bets Crafts has been passed on to daughter Mona Illesin-Bonsol.

Illesin has handed down to her children not only a productivity-oriented management style but also an entrepreneurial motivation beyond profit. This means working hard to improve the quality of life of workers and getting involved in their family problems.

She cites, for instance, the factory worker who passes his ATM card to a loan shark and the family driver with a cancer-stricken wife.

"We see to it our workers have food on their table, medicine when a child gets sick, money to send kids to school." To her, that is success in business.

With the business firmly entrenched in local and export markets, and with her children taking over more of the operations, Illesin has herself moved on to social concerns such as environmental prevention through a bamboo propagation project, rights and welfare promotion

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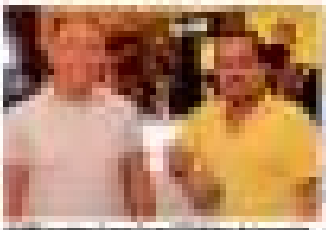

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Sunday BIZ

RAP Enriquez, 52, perfected recipe for his Bagnis Longganisa line.

Lots of changes in the life of a 60-year-old 'longganisa'

By Desiree Caluza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—This city's longganisa (native sausage) is traditionally small, but it is big in history.

And one business establishment that has lived up to its name as the maker of the city's smallest, bite-sized breakfast fare is the Enriquez Bagnis Longganisa, a family-run enterprise that started in a store stall in the city market about 60 years ago.

The Enriquez Bagnis Longganisa traces its history to the '50s when Batangas-based couple Timoteo and Maria Dipasupil migrated in Baguio to establish a meat business.

The couple then established the Dipasupil Meat Store, a retail and wholesale outlet that sold pork and beef in the city. After World War II, the couple introduced other meat products that included longganisa.

Lily Enriquez Cruz, grandchild of the Dipasupil couple and one of the present owners of the Enriquez Bagnis Longganisa, says her grandparents learned their longganisa recipe from a family friend in Bagnis.

The couple perfected the recipes for the de resado (with garlic) and hamonado (sweet) varieties that became bestsellers among locals and tourists, who would buy them as their pasalubong (gifts).

"Longganisa is part of our heritage. It's a traditional Pilipino food. Pilipinos look for it anywhere they go. It always takes the right ingredients to come up with the perfect taste," Cruz says.

She says she and her siblings learned making longganisa from their mother, Asuncion Dipasupil Enriquez, who retired and the business made from native sausages, the family also produced chicharon (pork cracklings), embo, beef tapa and pork hash.

Cruz says their longganisa, which sells for P60 a dozen, was patronized even by celebrities. She mentions actor Xyrene de Villa, bowler Danny Nepomuceno and the late Bruno Kipoldo Manosa Mitra Jr. as among their customers.

Ray Enriquez, Cruz's brother and a co-owner of the Enriquez Bagnis Longganisa, says their store has garnered loyal clients since the '80s because the recipe for their top product has been perfected through

BARBEQUEE Bagnis Longganisa (sausages) freshly made from premium-grade pork meat

kitchen runs.

Enriquez, 52, says he learned making longganisa when he was 19 years old. The recipe was passed on to him by his mother and he considered making and selling longganisa when their mother died in 1985.

"I have always been hands on... Of course, the family maintains our secret recipe," he says.

In 2000, the family decided to change the business name to Enriquez Meat Store, to establish their longganisa's identity while continuing the tradition of their eldest Dipasupil Meat Store.

The store produces 60 kilograms of longganisa a day and supplies sausages to several hotels, inns and cafés in the city like Hotel Elizabeth, Ridgewood Hotel, Mountain Cafe, Baden Powell Inn, Pension Benitos House, Everything Bites, Golden Pine Hotel, Igg's Inn and Pines View Hotel. It also supplies longganisa to the Gen Pablo Restaurant.

Cruz says the period between the '80s and '90s was the peak of their longganisa business. She says the business has survived despite the competition from several more shops in the city.

"Our longganisa stands out because we have always produced a quality product. We have established a name in the local market," she says.

In 2009, the family-run business tried to expand by promoting some home-cooked meals that featured its longganisa. Their participation in Panagbenga's (Baguio Flower Festival's) Session Road in Bloom that year helped introduce the Enriquez brand of longganisa to residents and tourists alike.

Cruz says they have improved the recipe for their longganisa because they also wanted to cater to the health-conscious. "We reduced the fat in the longganisa because a lot of people are health conscious. But of course, the fat will has to be there. Longganisa is not longganisa without the fat," she says.

RITE since Bagnis longganisa has been a staple since 1948 in Baguio City.

Sunday LIFESTYLE
Editor Thelma Sioson San Juan

"If we hold on together, I know our dreams will never fade."
– A lyric in 1D Thursday night

People-watching in Sona cocktails; brand-watching for P-Noy's 'exes'

Unlike last year, last Monday saw a big swarm around the President. Meanwhile, women linked to him are now top endorsers

SOMEHOW I got the feeling that this year's Sona cocktails at the Batasan were different.

Held after the President's State of the Nation Address last Monday, it had the same sumptuous, finger-licking fare, by Millie Rafael The Place, as last year's, and I presume, the same exclusive list of invitees, from diplomats and top government officials, to legislators and their sponsors.

But what I found different was the crowds of people. There seemed to be a lot more this year. This became evident as President Aquino made his appearance at the South Wing lobby, the cocktails venue—he was mobbed, sending the PSG to form a really super-tight cordon. Even the seasoned head of Protocol Miguel Perez-Rubio looked so harassed watching all people.

Everybody...men and women, in barong and saree or Filipiniana, young and old...jostled for spots near the President. Good luck to that, just people-watching would leave you with crushed toes. The PSG cordon was at least three people deep.

This was so unlike last year, when the President freely walked the cocktail area, posed for photos, and exchanged a word or two with some guests. This year, he was whisked in and out of the cocktails area by the PSG.

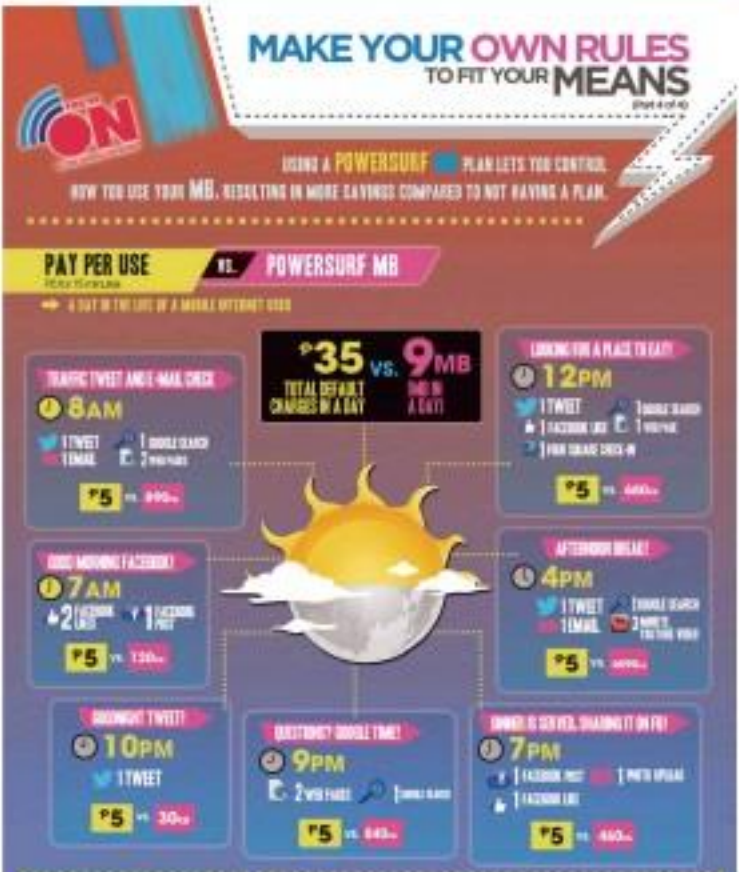
While the columnists/pundits and the headliners have given their verdict on Aquino's Sona—more paine than pain—to me, another gauge of the President's stronger hold on power was the behind-the-scenes of the Sona cocktails. There's no doubt that the son of the country's democracy icons has come into his own; he's made us realize that at the end of the day good governance rests on moral ascendancy, a leader's sense of decency and core values that must prevail over vested interests.

Aquino bandwagon

But the Sona cocktails showed one more thing—the political establishment has embraced him, albeit literally more than it did last year. Everybody's hopping on the Aquino bandwagon. Indeed, they're now lured by the stars of power—which Aquino, whether he's aware of it or not, now exudes.

As for the post-Sona mood of the President, it's worth an round even as he tries to physically recover from the Sona activities. I don't think he even noticed that the parade of cocktails guests around him included ex-husband Jay Ilusorio.

We've now inclined to believe what he



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MARY Grace Poe Llamanzares wearing Arnel Pineda necklace

ADAH and Margie Mercado

WEARING fine jewelry are Trina Reyes and Hulic Reyes.

PINE lady Gloria Angara and daughter-in-law Rowena Angara, in a Randy Ortiz

People-watching in Sona cocktails; brand-watching for P-Noy's 'exes'

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said a while back—"Can't afford my dresses, can't afford the work."

In the meantime, the beautiful women who have been linked to Mr. Aquino have moved on in their respective brand endorsements. While being romantically associated with the country's most eligible bachelor could be thrilling and intoxicating...under the media microscope—you must admit it has its major plus. The woman becomes a national celebrity, topping new rounds over his latest.

Shalani Soledad became the face the country has come to love; she now endorses Facial Care Centre. She also became a household name through Willie Revillame's show; silver, it is said, she carried a generous talent fee and thoughtful gifts from the host, from the suits of Rep. Romeo Romualdo. Shalani wasn't able to attend the Sona because she was sick. For sure, she would have been a real cutie-pie beside...

Stylist Liz Uy not only has become a previous stylist (aka figure fee), here is also the name and face now popular even among the D and E markets, more than when she was Julia Lloyd's girlfriend. And she herself has many brand endorsements, the latest of which is the fashion line Plains & Prints.

Grace Lee—well, everybody knows how she's risen from media taboo to media bread celebrity. Her only done she have a TV show, she also endorses many brands, including noodles—soon then her talent manager Arnold Vegafria can count with his fingers. As Vegafria himself said with a big smile: "Wala."

Of course, as brand endorsers, these delectable women are the images on giant billboards, from the SLEX to Edsa to NLEX. They're also on the covers of glossies. As a magazine publisher (for layman's look magazines), I can't complain. Shalani was the highest-selling cover of Look. The current Grace Lee issue isn't doing bad, either.

These days, however, there's no high-profile presidential love life, so brand endorsers will simply have to wait—and see it unfold—they might be in for a long wait.

Anyway, back to the Sona cocktails. Looking so simple and svelte was Julia Khad, head of the Presidential Management. Sniff: Julia was in a beige saree with subtle draping and ample frill. She gave birth only 10 months ago and it's marvelous to know that, despite her hectic schedule, she's managed to keep up the breastfeeding of her baby. Dissenters even slang Cabinet meetings, she would excuse herself briefly to repair to a room to pump milk.)

NENA Villanueva (right) and granddaughter Alaina

ALWINA Gov. Bolivar Angara Castillo

Baubles

Carissa Cruz-Evangelista, in an Inarkusi Amrose skirt, showed off the crystal bags she produces for Kultura—she let the congressional spouses use them. Indeed, this was one Sona where indigenous weaves were highlighted.

I also noticed the women flashed their baubles this year, more than they did last year. I haven't remember last year's armory. Last Monday there were pretty impressive pieces.

Linda Thirteenth Legislature had a stunning necklace. Dawn Zubiri Laglimino had mesh-weaving cube drop earrings. Gloria Aquino sported not her glitzes, but for a change look, the fine woman that she is. Gen. Lourdes Leguarda wore a cheek bells and excavated gold earrings, a head-toe drawn from her late mother Benita. Loren previewed an antique polka off-shoulder gown, shorts of embroidery—she weaved it simple yet elegant because she knew the red carpet would have color overload.)

Mieke Reyes wore her diamonds as elegantly. Trina Reyes' diamond shakes were even in the shape of a Pinoy ribbon. Now the women even wear "P-Noy."

Just as mouth-watering as the jewels was the cocktails buffet prepared by Millie Reyes and her daughter Karla.

There were assorted sushi and sashimi, shrimp cocktail in shot glasses, vegetable spring rolls with soy, pork & oil with Asian pots—my favorite, which I alternated with roast Angus carved beef, as tender and tasty

CARISSA Cruz-Evangelista (left) in Inarkusi Amrose skirt, Kultura bareng sya. Hawak-kamay with Dawn Zubiri Laglimino and getting from Beauty Accessories, a line she's developing for export. She also sells a line of local weave bags at Kultura. Beside her is Dr. Emma Bunay.

ITALIAN Ambassador Luca Fornari

FORMER Speaker Joe de Venecia and Communications Secretary Ricky Carandang

BUT MAMAY Pacquiao busy before the start of Sona

LINDA Florendo Lagkamon

JULIA Abad and Joseph Juico

There were also salmon belly brothers with caper berries sauce, turkey soup with gravy and cranberry, spaghetti with meat sauce, pastaroni or macaroni casserole with olives and Cajun Bakes.

Of course, there was the signature The Plaza 40 premium baked ham.

There were also the bite-size Plaza desserts that included cream cheese brownies, mini-churros, pandan chocolates.

If my heels weren't killing me, I would have stayed longer both for the people and the food. But I left the ballerina flats I brought to change into...(one in case) on my Mercury Drift son...being all elated it.

Going back to the scene at the Plenary Hall during the President's Sona, one couldn't but notice this pretty queue of a legislator who, so obviously, didn't stand up, like everybody did, to give the third bi-erective a standing ovation after his speech. Seemingly oblivious to the fact that she was the only one seated in the gallery, she held her chin up and flashed that saddleds (or was it dullard) look.

Oh well, she could just be having a bad hair day—but then she was so well-coiffed.

ILOCOS SUR Rep. Ronnie Singson and sister Karen

KARLA and Millie Reyes with US Ambassador Harry Thomas

SUSAN GAGARIN assortment

SHRIMP cocktail in shot glasses

DANCIE Reyes-Quingona (left) attends to the VIP Lounge.

Miracle of food multiplied shows lesson of human and divine collaboration

By Fr. Tito Caluag
Contributor

THERE ARE two characters in principles I review you to reflect on in this Sunday's Gospel: Philip who said it was impossible or find the crowds even with "200 days' wages" and Andrew who saw in the young lad with "five barley loaves and two fish" the hope that feeding the multitudes was possible. It is the half-empty or half-full perspective.

During the summer of 1994, I attended a five-day seminar on by collaboration to the church conducted by featured and with names and lively #Parishioners. If I can use reminders, the two were former persons of the cloth. They left, but continued their work for the church giving religious seminars, writing books, teaching and counseling.

Three opening reflections used the Gospel passages from John. I distinctly remember their theme: abundance in scarcity. They pointed out that the future of the church was in lay collaboration... which I agree with 100 percent—and this hope in lay collaboration was borne out of scarcity.

After the Second Vatican Council in the mid-1960s, there was an exodus of priests and sisters, and a drop in the number of vocations in the priesthood and religious life. To this day, the church has not recovered from this.

It is in this scarcity of vocations, the Wise Heads point out, that we discover the abundance of God's grace that shows us the way to lay collaboration.

My head spun as I attended my first anniversary as a priest when I attended this seminar. At that point, I had developed a keen interest in lay collaboration. In fact, I had requested my Jesuit Provincial then, Fr. Noel Vaquilar, S.J., so that I could spend an extra semester in the US and do extra personal studies on the subject and visit Jesuit high schools to observe, among other things, how they were trying to work out lay collaboration in their schools.

In my early years as a priest, I viewed lay collaboration as a collaboration between the laity and the priests and religious. The way term, lay collaboration, suggests that. It is almost like saying, "The lay collaborate with us, priests and religious."

Family

As I look back at my years of work and priesthood, I realize that it is not lay collaboration. It is not collaboration between the lay, on the one hand, and the priests and religious, on the other. No, it is collaboration between us, the human family, and God; it is lay, priests and religious together collaborating with God and the universe.

That remains a crisis of the church. There is scarcity in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. I am afraid we have taken the path of Philip, "not even 200 days' wages" will feed the crowds; the crowds who are hungry, not just a hunger of the stomach, but perhaps even more critical, the hunger of the heart and soul.

It is the way of Andrew that affirmed Christ to address the situation. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish happened because Andrew saw in the young lad, in the five loaves and two fish, not as much a solution, but something that Jesus could be brought to Christ for him to work with.

My years in like Andrew. He must learn from him that unless we bring what we have and who we are to the work of Christ, the miracle will not take place. Collaboration, after all, is not it at the point of human scarcity that we allow the abundance of God's grace to take over.

This is the challenge that this Sunday's Gospel confronts us with. It challenges us in the shallow and confidence with Christ in his work that continues to this day, in the context of our life and work, as to our station of the world.

Andrew collaborated with Christ by bringing the little that human resources could muster, a young lad with five loaves and two fish. Andrew answered, read, discerned the situation very well.

The Gospel tells us that Christ asks his disciples what they could do with the hungry crowds learning. Jail well when he was investing to do, the miracle of the multiplication of loaves and fish. Philip failed to see this and said it was a hopeless situation. Andrew saw it well and came up with a ridiculous suggestion—but, nevertheless, the suggestion Christ picked up, worked with and came up with the miracle.

Andrew prayed (discerned) as best as he could. I would like to believe this made him sense what Christ was planning. When he saw this with the eyes of faith, the eyes of the heart and soul, he came up to Christ, with the power of the scarcity of the human resources, and allowed the abundance of God's grace to do the job.

The things are to say is not—maybe my main point—for reflection. Andrew shows us the Ignatian principle: pray as if everything depended on you and work as if everything depended on God.

Yes, it is true as if everything depended on you and work as if everything depended on God. Not One other way around.

Fr. William Bausch, S.J., says, an excellent article on this. He pointed out that praying, reflecting, discerning to discover God's will is our "main job." As I would love to say, our primary life task is to discover our mission, the meaning of our life, a God given mission and meaning.

Surrender

The moment we discover his will and mission for us, we dedicate our lives to this with generosity, great generosity and great soul. Love and generosity, magnanimity, make us selfless, love and magnanimity make us look beyond our self and see more clearly Christ, his will and others.

We realize it is not us and/or 200 days' wages that will solve the problem, or needs nor the miracle. We realize that it is Christ who will work out the miracle. We bring the little that we have to Christ.

This is our great challenge as individuals and as communities. Do we view the situation from the half-empty or the half-full perspective? Are we Philips or Andrews? Or as the Chinese view of crisis goes, do we see danger only or opportunity in the danger?

It is not a carefree, carefree optimism, but a humble conviction or offering after one has done everything, one's best and allow God to take over. If to allow one has prayed as if everything depended on you and then work as if everything depended on God.

Let me end with a story.

Recently, I went to a meeting for a prospect. I had recommended to someone a consultant I have known for 31 years and have worked with on and off just as long. He is excellent in the field I recommended him for. He is at the top of his game and just in the scarcity from Asia, perhaps even the world given Asia's emerging global role.

In our very first meeting with the group, he sat down and listened intently, asking a few clarificatory questions from time to time. All his questions, when answered, eventually led to some positive suggestion or realization.

After over an hour of discussing, the group was very impressed with his suggestions. Part of what I felt and saw as the source of their satisfaction was the way he worked with the group. He hardly talked anymore to himself and his skills. He always led what discussions to, what the group discovering their own ideas and resources.

When we were leaving and he was shaking hands with the group, very quietly, humbly he said, "I will pray for you."

I think he has the grace of an Andrew. He will always bring to the discussion the little he and his few loaves and two fish and allow God to work on his miracle. "I will pray for you." After all the excellent work he has done, he acknowledges the abundance of God's grace.

How many Andrews do we have in our midst? How and wisdom who are able to discern God's plan and will, men and women of prayer and discernment to lead them to seek out the young lad with five loaves and two fish and bring them to God? How many Andrews bring the scarcity of human resources—and those will always be "scarce" placed side-by-side with the abundance of God's grace—to Christ and allow the miracle to take place?

I often see being the little that we have—the young lad with five loaves and two fish to us—and lovingly offer it to God and to others, the miracle will not take place.

Pursuing your dreams

ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Bolton-Gubaile

"Lost" is a temporary state.
As found."—Mark Lawrence Cruz

GUIDANCE ARE always an interesting and insightful bunch.

Can have Network recently released a survey on what Filipino kids valued and aspired in. The New Generation 2012 study found that Filipino kids desired high-paying jobs by age 30, but showed less confidence in their ability.

Of the 1,000 kids surveyed by the leading kids' entertainment channel, 450 percent indicated they desired a lucrative career. They were asked to choose their Top 5 from a list of 18 priorities. They would also like to be physically fit (56 percent), rich (42 percent), happy (40 percent), and have lots of friends (36 percent).

Lower priorities include: to be well-travelled (10 percent); be married (13 percent); have a fair car (13 percent); and have below (18 percent).

Duncan Stewart, vice president for research and market development of Nestlé International Asia Pacific Ltd., said: "Today's kids are tomorrow's leaders in the Philippines, and the survey provides insights into what makes them tick. This is one fifth study based on the findings, it shows Filipino kids are ambitious yet still place value on maintaining healthy lifestyles."

Other areas of the study delved into the kids' current concerns and attitudes. The results said Filipino kids displayed high levels of contentment with most aspects of their lives, approximately 80 percent of quality time spent with parents (87 percent); making friends (86 percent); health (86 percent); hobbies and interests (79 percent); having people they can trust and talk to (77 percent).

Most of the kids (82 percent) also indicated they were happy about meeting their parents' expectations.

On the day I read this report, my daughter (who grew up on a sufficient diet of Cartoon Network where Scooby Doo and the Powerpuff girls were her favorites) and I had an interesting conversation over dinner about a discussion she had during her Philosophy class.

Her professor Mark Lawrence Cruz had told them: "Your aspirations for yourselves are often reflections of what you really value the most...or what would make you happy in the long run."

The discussion inspired her so much that she wrote an entire treatise on it on her blog. Here are her thoughts:

"Our professor began the class by asking us why we had woken up at six that morning to listen to him lecture. Some said they wanted to learn. Others admitted they didn't want to fail and have to retake the subject. Graduation, they said, would ensure them of a degree which could land them a good job. Those jobs would give them money to sustain lifestyles for their families, enough to indulge their pleasures, and, if blessed enough, will have a millionaire amount to give back.

"We were then asked: But why do we do all these things? Why do we work hard? Why do we give birth? Why do we require the security of possessions, experiences and the affirmation from others?

"We answered that it was more often for the end goal of being happy. If not a factor, step by step process where one studied, worked, made money and used that money to be happy.

"However, our professor posed another situation to us: What if we could skip all that studying and work and somehow magically get the finances we need for the rest of our lives? What if we were given say, P750 million?

"A lot of us started listing down what we wanted, and many of them were things we only saw in our wildest dreams. Someone said she would build a house in Forbes Park (P90 million). Another said they'd put up a beach house in Amanpulo (P60 million) and buy an accompanying jet to take them there on weekends (P50 million).

"Someone said they'd place a good amount (P100 million) in stock-market investments. Another said he'd give 75 per cent (P563 million) to General Kalentong. One guy said he'd buy a girlfriend, to which I heard someone sarcastically muttur under his breath: 'Pero, di bua rubbish ang pag-ibig.'

"I got me thinking. How would I spend P750 million if I had it? After some careful consideration, I realized my dreams weren't as ridiculous as I would have assumed they would be.

"Someday I hope to live in a comfortable home in Manila, or in a place with access to Mac Cebu, or Davao, where my family is from. I hope it has big picture windows with sweeping views, enough space for my kids to run around, a huge kitchen I can cook in, and lots of dogs to keep us happy. I also hope cheap cats, although the idea of independence is really exciting to grow on me) this home, but somewhere with a good heart. I can make up now to in the morning and fall asleep beside at night.

"I hope to be able to send my brother to the Ritz school of his dreams. I hope to be able to support my parents in their old age, providing for whatever medication they may need. I hope to grow old with my friends and see them for annual Christmas dinners and birthday vacations. I hope to continue to explore the world and go on missions trips to help those who need it most. I hope to be able to support myself and my family but still give sufficiently back to those who needed it.

"But I will not lie: I hope to live comfortably—and by 'comfortably' I mean being able to eat organically and well, travel every now and then, and have the financial stability to buffer any medical or calamities that may come. And I don't think I can be faulted for that.

"When I computed the total cost of my dream life, though, I saw it would probably cost much less than a third of the Benedict (P750 million) given to me. I'd still have so much after. But even if I gave the remaining amount to charity or causes, would I ever be truly happy? My answer would probably be no.

"I know that outside a little unbelievably naively and relentless, but I think I'd only be truly happy knowing that I (and not some whimsical twist of fate) worked to provide for the people I love. I think I'd feel off the money in the world. I couldn't just sit still and enjoy it. I wouldn't honestly get bored.

"Our professor also taught us that happiness and the state of being bored was (I wrote) proportional we have passionately. I would fight for it. But how can I passionately fight for something, though, if I don't know what I want?

"I guess I am now starting to see the value of clearly defining what I want. That the more specific I am about my dreams, the more my path to get there becomes defined. The sense of knowing what I'm fighting for and the feeling I'd get when I've finally reached it—I'm pretty sure that's worth more than P750 million. I just hope to get there soon."

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DIVINE Mercy

Diocesan shrine of St. Vincent de Paul in Novaliches inaugurated

TO CELEBRATE 350 years presence of the Vincentians community in the Philippines, the Archdiocese of Manila inaugurated last July 22 the new Santuario de San Vicente de Paul as diocesan shrine and parish in Novaliches where the St. Vincent Seminary is.

Manila Archbishop Luis Antonio Tagle officiated in the consecrated Mass with Novaliches Bishop Antonio Tobias, Bishop Emeritus Teodoro Bacani and Antipolo Bishop Gabriel Reyes.

It was on July 22, 1862 when the religious orders founded by St. Vincent de Paul—the Congregation of Mission and the Daughters of Charity—arrived in Manila.

Fr. Tito Delgado, director of the Miraculous Medal Association, said that Queen Isabela II had wanted to send the Daughters of Charity to the Philippines. But the nuns refused to come without being accompanied by the Vincentian Fathers.

PURELY PERSONAL

Josephine Duremdes

In his homily, Fr. Danny Pilario, CM, dean of the St. Vincent Seminary School of Theology said that as exactly 8 a.m. on July 22, 1862, 19 members of the Vincentian family—13 Daughters of Charity nuns Prince of the Mission and two Vincentian brothers—came down from the boat Cotopaxian after more than three months of difficult travel at sea.

Creative fidelity

Following St. Paul's exhortation to the first followers of Jesus Christ that is "All things must be done in charity," the priests and nuns of St. Vincent de Paul did just that in their churches and their charity houses like the Hospicio de San Jose and the Asilo de San Vicente de Pablo.

Theme of the year-long celebration is "Tapat Sadi, Tapat Kaibsan: 350 Years of Creative Fidelity." Fr. Pilario said the celebration would focus on kasipagan ng loob (creativity) and kasipsip at pagkamasunod (charity).

"Fidelity to the charism and creativity is missions!" Father Pilario said. "As we look back to these 350 years, we are challenged to be faithful to the charism Vincent and Louise (de Marillac) handed down to us, faithful to the building of God's kingdom, faithful in our calling to preach the Good News to the poor, the lame, the weak and the downtrodden—which is also the charism of Jesus himself. But as we look back in fidelity to our past, we are also challenged to be faithful and creative to our present and the future that lies ahead. Creativity because St. Vincent says 'love is inventive unto infinity!'"

ST. VINCENT de Paul, founder of Congregation of Mission and Daughters of Charity, Feast in Kawalinks

How it was then

Fr. Pilario recalled the coming of the Vincentians.

"As they landed in our shores, the first CMs and DCs were confronted with new faces, new needs and new situations," he said. "It is in these new contexts that they were called towards creative fidelity. While reciting the early accounts of their missions, one can only admire how courageous and daring they were. Several days after they arrived in Manila, maybe even before recovering from seasickness, the Vincentians took over the Manila seminary. After a few years, they took over Naga, then Cebu, Jaro, Vigan, Calbayog and other dioceses.

"When they were doing this, they were only a group of 11 priests and four brothers. One can also imagine how far these places were during that time. Some of these were new dioceses then. I was surprised to have read that as early as 1907, we were already handling a high school seminary in Aagna, Bohol! I myself am from Cebu but I have never been to Aagna until now. Yun, it has always been a Vincentian trademark to go where the church calls us."

St. Nicholas of Bari

I hear Mass at St. Maurice de Paul Church on San Marcelino Street in Ermita at 8 a.m. every Monday. The Mass honors St. Nicholas of Bari.

Fr. Rene Fuellos, CM, encouraged us to do the Monday novena. The intercession of the saint is efficacious, according to the priest.

Only beautiful hour of the church is the presence of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal up in the altar. We pray so her by touching the blue ribbon falling from her throne to the altar.

Divine Mercy in Krakow

On Sept. 17, a group of Filipino pilgrims will relive the experiences of Saint Faustina Kowalska when they visit her church in Krakow.

The devotion to the Divine Mercy is based on the actual writings of Saint Faustina on her diary recording the revelations she received from God, beyond both the her death in 1938, the devotion had begun to spread.

The group will also visit the majestic Schoenbrunn Palace in Vienna; Pieskowa Cave, a German World Heritage Site in Slowenia; the monastery at Jasna Gora, where the very miraculous icon of the Black Madonna believed to have been painted by St. Luke, is enshrined.

A visit to Poland is not complete without visiting the miraculous image of the Infant Jesus of Prague in the Church of Our Lady of the Victories.

Pilgrimage chaplain is the inspiring Fr. Lambert Leguijan. Call Adam's Travel at 5111451 or 5229870, now Anna at 0908-3919908.

Peñafrancia in Manila

The pilgrim image of Our Lady of Peñafrancia will be brought to the Shrine of St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Miramar Ashton on Aug. 3, 11 a.m., for the 12 month Mass of Military Vicariate Bishop Leopoldo Tarriela. She will leave on Aug. 8, 8:30 a.m., and brought to the Governor School on Shaw Uptown Avenue, Quezon City. Organizer is the Peñagrancinos Filipinos Association.

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JRS EXPRESS
YOUR PARTNER IN TIME

On your marks, get set, for one shining moment in time

By Margin David Collin
Contributor

LONDON—We need to talk about the weather. Summer arrived with unusual severity and is now the wettest on record. The utterly dismal weather has given us nothing but record rainfalls, scattered thundery showers, waterlogged and windy conditions, with flooding in places up and down the country.

We've had some brief sunny spells, but we're not anything like 33 C, our version of a heatwave. In the 80's typical circumlocution, that's meant by the first week of the Olympics or "A prolonged spell of hot, sunny weather [risks very unlikely]" But maybe God Himself wants to have the occasional bet, so the non-consequently hot, recently sunny cast, wrecking a bet, in recent days.

Frankly, I couldn't be bothered if we had a prolapsation deluge. Sarnies and I never did get along. Will live half hands and two right (But) feet. I was always chronically late for PE, inventing increasingly ingenious excuses for missing games. After an hour and a half of football, I look at my watch and realise that only 15 minutes feel passed.

But, hey, the Olympics—the ultimate, biggest sporting event in the universe! Even I find it hard to be cynical or to ignore an extraordinary event that will

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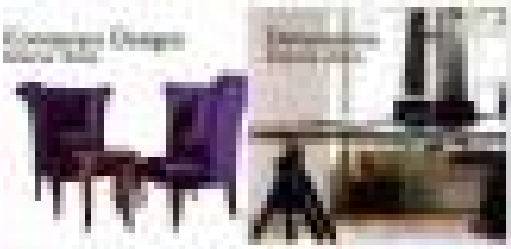

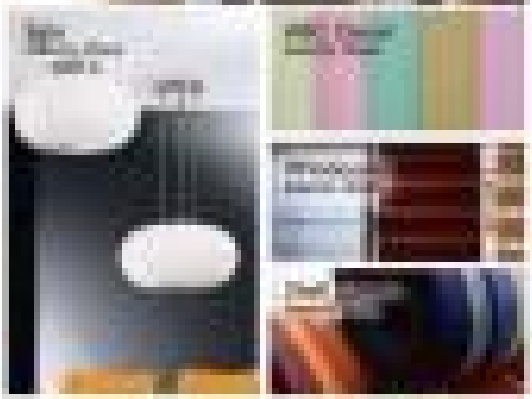

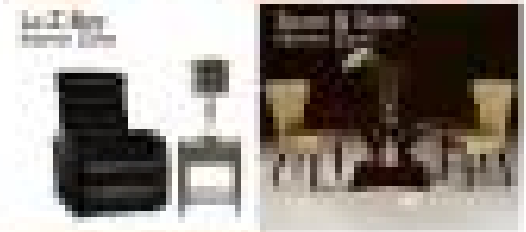

On your marks, get set, for one shining moment in time

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give millions of people tomorrow physics, especially one that unites the planet's disparate hand-me-down moves, mine included, to stage, in a time of existential, heart-thrashing, heartbreaking serenity.

Every penny worth it

In London you—the capital of cool, a magnet city for talent, diverse cultural life and entertainment, and dizzying wealth. As if to convince outsiders that every penny spent on the Games is worth it, we cry that the eyes of the world are on us (again!), and that it's good for showcasing the best of Britain and its diversity. The world around you may seem petrifying in disarray. As Max Hastings, one of our revered austere and impressively gruffish, wrote: "This country has (already) become a magnet for Muslim extremists, terrorists, Basque separatists, Irish dissidents, gangsters and multi-billion dealers."

The soul of the world might well be ugly, but the London 2012 Olympic Games are here! For at least the last couple of years and rising to a crescendo in the past few months, we have endured overwhelming, road closures, vehicle control measures, traffic gridlock, intermittable delays at airports (allow extensive time steps, fulfilling on the Underground), the chill, threat and din of two exchanged Olympics-related security.

And now here we are, up up with cope, at the stadium, and closure, "The Games" on our roads—markedly turned after the limousines once favoured by Soviet apparatchiks.

We are a people who like space and order, as George Miller said: "An Englishman, even if he is alone, forms an orderly queue of one." We are a people who are garbed in cross-worded linens and boots, in positions of intimate closeness that would make newlyweds blush, we find it trying to maintain civility and sound distances from our fellow passengers. With an additional million people using the transport system—during the Games, it's hoped to get worse. Strangers are having their faces mushed and it's hard to be rude in a police van.

Many have already fled the country for quieter climes, but those of us who live and work in London are putting up with the stresses and chaos. But the 8,000-mile, 70-day Torch Relay wound its way down, from the Temple of Hera in Olympia, Greece, to London, uniting Swedish environment, celebrations and civic pride among host communities along the way. And because we're cool we have been told by those who have unusually great say for sale on eBay.

Airport arrival halls are jam-packed, with long delays to negotiate passport control. Hotels are unwilling to turn your rooms, congested roads. Tube and rail stations, hundreds of thousands of residents have been told by their employers to stagger their schedules or work from home—not that it will do the country's productivity much good.

Police have warned that organized pickpockets, our union and mafia gangs from Eastern Europe and South America are targeting the Olympics and preying on vulnerable tourists. Security forces have been made on suspicion of terrorism offenses and an alleged plot to attack the Games. Army helicopters and rocket-propelled ground-to-air missiles are strategically positioned in and around sites close to the Games. A stubbies' "ring of steel" is in place and surface-to-air missiles are stationed on roofs of residential flats blocks near the Olympic Park to provide a powerful deterrent; to an audacious terrorist threat. We, we've had to endure a lot of this in the past few days, but I assure you it's nowhere near like Bollywood Freedom or Comic Relief. Heightened security is an exigency we're learning to live with. You're safe.

Tickets, what tickets? Ten million had gone on sale. How many have actually been sold to the Olympic Games, I simply can't get labeled because events like our popular beach volleyball, for one, for love nor money. Meanwhile, tickets to the best seats at top events are changing hands for thousands of pounds on the black market. Amazingly, many officials and key sponsors of the Games, who have been implicated in ticket touting. Were not naive. We know that some people are spivs and cynics, we just expect them to be honest. In our time in time, in the interest of the greater good.

But where's Beckham?

With loved Beckham excluded from Team GB's football squad, we've already missing veteran disappointment. The former England captain, who played a not inconsiderable part in bringing the Olympics to London, says, he said, very disappointed. This was seen as Goldenballs' fitting last shot at glory for his country. Even if he is now famed ...and lives...in Los Angeles.

The inconvenience is frustrating us and the expense: in a knackered economy is troubling some, as maybe there's been some bewildering investment. Almost from their lofty perch, The New York Times has expressed these. While the world's athletic bodies up, Londoners are queuing up some of their own favourite sports: complaining, expecting the worst and ruining the authorities—the few quids groaning is so intrepid to the country's chancery to its Exchequer into London and the woodlice." Meh.

We pay up with all of it, such as a vast, feeling, if nebulous, leverage of promised Olympics legacy and grassroots numbers. And hopeful challenges that will stretch your gob. To wit: 35,000 athletes from 200 countries, competing for 302 sets of medals in the Olympics (and 275 big, 112 and the Paralympics (Aug. 29–Sept. 9), using nearly one million items of sports equipment between them. The Games include athletics, basketball, beach volleyball, sailing, equestrian and water polo, to cite just a few of the 26 sports in the Olympics (and 20 sports with separate and visually impaired athletes, among others), competing across 20 sports, include shot-putting and basketball and boxing. And 302 gold medals are up for grabs, because the organizers have thought of everything. 150,000 volunteers (that's one for every three fans) are being distributed to athletes.

Ten restaurants in the Olympic Park, offering a variety of dining experiences, are expected to go through 320 tons of meats and vegetables, 202 tons of potatoes, 42 tons of seafood, 10 tons of chocolate, 7 tons of milk, 1 million 9,900 pounds. A pocket of ranges: 1.35 pounds. For those with more modest pockets, the £11 million hospitality pavilion is available to consumers to let loose on (4,000 pounds) per ticket (no champagne receptions) and four-course dinners. The world's biggest Mcdonalds is in the Olympic Park, expecting to serve some two million customers over the period of the Games. Two thousand tons...poplar, cheesy, yet, less—find been planted in and around the park, and because this is England, there are 40 million trees in London.

None of this materialized overnight. London, with history on its side having hosted the 1908 and 1948 Games, won the bid to host the 2012 Games against Moscow, New York City, Madrid and Paris in 2005—three years before the world fell into a big-time financial abyss. The organizing committee pledged a budget of 2.3 billion pounds—a budget that has since inflated nearly five times. It is hard now, Whatled, a euro zone basket case, will probably have stupid the most austere of Games. Meanwhile, their sales in Gallia hands with schadenfreude, plentiful and rock-a-boop it did not win.

Like Lazarus from the dead

The 2009 before Olympic Park rose like Lazarus, from the detritus and dereliction of 4.6-square industrial site in Stratford, in the East End of London, in seven more consecutive with inner city poverty, criminality and dystopian horror. The East Ends—dubbed the "capital of suicide for the nation of emigrants it embraced over the years—French Huguenots, Jews, Chinese, Somalis and Bangladeshis—is currently undergoing transmodern gentrification, becoming a shiny retail destination, an enclave for artists, home to trendy restaurants and coffee bars, and nearby Canary Wharf, the new financial temple of vibrant elite bankers worship. It is the home of the Olympic Village, boasting 17,000 ultra-luxe and affordable, 2 residents, apartments, pubs and coffeehouse. What once was a brownfield polluted dumping ground for all manner of waste has been turned into an urban green park, complete with woodland and wildlife.

In Filing this copy before the opening ceremonies on July 27, 10 days you enjoyed and more swept along by the hundreds of millions of people around the world. Banners and signature were pending. It is in hankering to the sounds of our "green and pleasant land" that inspired the close-winning director Danny Boyle ("Slumdog Millionaire") to produce an opening ceremony unlike any England would ever have seen before. Boyle, who has a flair for the macabre and grotesque as well as the inside-Bizzle and preternatural, is keeping you mighty sexy, even if we spare a staggering 900–07.27 million pounds to stage it.

We're not Chinese and we could (I hope) never cope possibly both out the Bird's Nest where spectacle in the Beijing Olympics four years ago.

Boyle, who said that "Isles of Wonder" soliloquy in Shakespeare's "The Tempest" inspired him, set out to "create a picture of ourselves as a nation; an island culture and an island identity. It's a given and pleasant land" because it's a country of small places. I hope it reveals how peculiar we are, how contrary sometimes, but also there's a warmth about us that surprises people and captures our humour."

The middle of the stadium was transformed into rolling green fields to represent that, with flower bedecked meadows around which were shaven, bearded animals—cows, goats, sheep, chickens...grazing chiefly details hanging down a shower of—wet noses—eats.

It was a pageant rich with polished and rehearsed incidents, witty references to immigration, the Industrial Revolution, protest movements and Britain's accomplishments and pills to the world. If you were still with us this far in the hours of this, the extravaganza worked, rocked and rocked you some more. Hey, this is Britain after all.

Motto of the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympics: Inspire a generation.

Caliban's soliloquy from "The Tempest," W. Shakespeare:
"Be not afeared...the isles is full of noises
Sounds and sweet airs, that delight and hurt not
In sometimes a thousand twangling instruments
Will hum about mine ears; and sometimes voices
That, if I then had wak'd after long sleep
Will make me sleep again: and then, in dreaming
The clouds methought would open and show riches
Ready to drop upon me; that, when I wak'd,
I cried to dream again."

The five rings in the Olympics logo represent the five continents that came together to compete: Asia, Africa, America, Europe and Oceania.

The spirit of the Olympic Games was embodied in the written deliberated in St. Paul's Cathedral by Bishop Fleetfoot Talbot's decade of the 1908 London Games. He said, "The important thing about the Olympic Games is not to win, but to take part. Just as the important thing in life is not the triumph, but the struggle. The essential thing is not to have conquered, but to have fought well." The man adapted for the Olympics used by Baron Pierre de Coubertin, founder of the International Olympic Committee and father of the modern Games.

All-time sporting legends

- Usain Bolt (Jamaica) is the fastest man on earth. He ran the 200 m in Beijing in 19.30 seconds.
- Michael Phelps (US) holds the record for the biggest haul of individual gold medals (8) for swimming.
- Nadia Comaneci (Romania) was only 14 years old when she won the hand the Perfect 10 gymnast.
- Yelena Isinbayeva (Russia) is the greatest Asian weightlifter.

Games highlights (and lows)

- Berlin (1936): "Hero Wizard Leni," the Nazi-era romp, was played more than 500 times during the Games. While few were interested to hear Sieg Heil, and to salute Hitler when they passed him during the opening ceremony.
- Munich (1972): Games were suspended following the execution of 11 Israeli athletes by Palestinian terrorists.
- Los Angeles (1984): The Games made a profit of $223 million, creating the commercial sponsorship model for future Games.
- Beijing (2008): Organizers spent $40 billion, the most elaborate Games ever.

If, like me, athletic legends at the summit of their sporting excellence to which they have dedicated their entire lives leave you tepid and unmoved, come anyway, because you won't want to miss the glamour-infused Olympian Games by hanging out for visitors. Over 12,000 performances and events will be held, to give positively delight, night and day, involving some 20,000 international artists and musicians. Carnival processions, parades, pop and concerts, and a Parliament of river readings by poets from around the world.

"Films does the world know about us?" asked Lord Coe, chairman of the organizing committee and himself a middle-distance runner who won four Olympic gold medals. "We've actually quite good at painting. Let's face it into a giant party!" Howling, no feather on—consequence! to join in the giant communication, they've all here: Michelle Obama, the Mitt Romneys, Beckinghams, the Queen and Norman, covered crowned heads, 120 heads of state, billionaires in their yachts and living area.

On the 9th of September, when the last of the Games will have been seen, the bunting and banners come down, and the big clearing begins, we can reflect on the Games and the legacy. Perhaps the greatest boost to our spirits, economy and the thousands of jobs created in construction, tourism, retail, transport and hospitality.

Despite the austerity, Britain will have a lasting legacy of regeneration for East End communities blighted by fear and poverty, and serve to inspire a generation to get off their pimped backsides, to run, swim or kick a ball. Maybe it boosts business and consumer confidence. God knows we national mood needs lifting! Maybe it is—The Times says, simply "a power of formation that life is worth living."

Be sure to pack wellies, a spare and brolly. I'm solidly told that God doesn't take sides during the Games, we hope Philippine athletes give their all and win their best. Let the Games begin; welcome to London and have the most wonderful time!

And to borrow the piquant words of Adhe Stevenson, when you leave here, please don't forget why you came.

Cebu celebrates ikebana, bonsai, and all things Japanese

THE IKEBANA INTERNATIONAL Cebu Chapter 140, formally inducted its officers for 2012-2014 at the Hidden Room of the Cebu Country Club. Guest of honor was **Yoshiaki Hata**, consul and chancellor of Japan's Consular Office in Cebu.

He inducted the officers as well as new members. **Norma Sanchez** for the event is president **Lizmara Go** who is the first ever such in the board in 140 years and history. The rest of the officers are:

Vice presidents **Marilou Hyde** and Ms. Thereses Rupp; secretaries, **Rosaline Go** and Maria Abellanosa; treasurers, **Josie Ong** and **Herbalito Garde**; PRO **Julie Bulkley** and business **Linda To**.

In the board of directors are **Margarita Ty**, Angelina Escobio, Editha Cosalan, Rebecca Peralta, Delia Borromeo, Carmen Garcia, Barbara Isabel and Shirley Yu. Those members inducted were Tess Chua, Anabelyn Tanke and Anna Abejo.

As we all know, ikebana is the Japanese art of arranging flowers, incorporating twigs, leaves, even fruits. These imaginative free-flow creations convey—or express feelings, emotions and moods.

A couple of weeks after the Bohol earthquake, most or less the same moved [illegible] as the local hotel for the joint induction ceremonies of the Cebu Bonsai Society and the Cebu Ikebana Society.

Bonsai, which also originated in Japan, is the painstakingly meticulous art of growing trees. They make for interesting shapes in pots or containers whose dimensions are prescribed by bonsai. The success of a bonsai artist is completely when the dwarfed trees give out flowers and miniature fruit they produce fruit.

Ikebana is a Japanese tradition as well. It involves collecting stones as found in nature. They could be big or small, smooth or rough, colorful or just plain. It is all in the collector's aesthetics reflected in the displayed area.

Architect Joy Marilene Omnaeza was guest of honor and inducting officer at the Bonsai/Ikebana Cebu Chapter. Bonsai Cebu's Ms. Rhea Sarte is president, with Carmen Go as vice president.

Other officers include secretaries Marife Bolder and Elaine Alexandrea, treasurers Darling Bond and Fe Montemayor, and auditors Louise Tapiedo. Directors are immediate past president Norma Sanchez, Elle Alexandrea, Angie Escoto, Verolesh Sanchez, Ann Cisneros and Linda To.

As the Ikebana group, Betsy Pagcaliwagan has taken over as president from Ada Macaraeg, with Rosie Zosa as vice president, Marife Bolder, secretary; Darling Bond and Fe Montemayor, treasurers; Louise Tapiedo, auditor; Mary Chua, Susana Pagcaliwagan and Linda To, directors.

Cebuloco devoted to the exhibition put up by the Ikebana, bonsai and agnate enthusiasts. They get better and bigger with each passing year. Once an exhibition organizer/lecturer and donate for those interested, it is one very of interesting membership.

Guitar and koto duo

To further highlight July as Philippine-Japan Friendship Month, the Embassy of Japan sent to Cebu Miyoshi Suzuki and Emiko Uehara known as Mi & Emiko, and regarded as Japan's love guitar and koto duo.

They had a one-night session, to concert at the Art 'n' Bist here restaurant in Mabolo last July 20 that electrified the audience. Most day, they had an afternoon show at Ayala Center which drew a large crowd of appreciative young people.

Consul Yoshiaki Hata has announced a whole series of activities to celebrate the Japan Festival 2012 in Ayala Center Cebu. Cebu. First event is the annual festival of Japanese films scheduled from Tuesday to Saturday Aug. 7-11.

The formal opening of the Japan Festival will be on Aug. 11, 2 p.m., at Ayala Center's activity area, with Cebu Gov. **Gwendolyn Garcia** invited to grace the occasion. Main highlight is a performance of the Wako Taiko, a Japanese stick drama, by a group which has been a three-decade history of fame and acclaim.

A second performance at Ayala Center is scheduled later, at 5 p.m. By 7:30 p.m., the Wako Taiko Japanese Drums Club will perform at the lobby of Marco Polo Plaza Hotel, Admiration.

Another highlight on opening day is the traditional dinner Aug. 6 at 5:30 p.m. A number of Japanese and Filipino dancers wearing "Yukata" summer kimonos will perform, having accepted the challenge to expand Japanese choreographies. Anyone may join them as audience participation will be highly encouraged.

Completing the celebrations will be karate demonstrations and a martial arts exhibition by instructors. Couples will be on Aug. 12, 2 p.m. at Ayala Center, a group of Filipino university students, men and women, will introduce some dances. At 3 p.m., there will be a karaoke singing competition.

Mi/Hakuki Cebu outgoing president Carmen Go presents a bouquet to incoming president Norma Sanchez.

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Questionable National Artist's works not submitted to National Museum for verification

'Unbelievable! H.R. Ocampo is even more prolific now that he is dead than when he was alive!'

MORE THAN a month after they were pulled out of an exhibit because of doubts expressed by art experts about their genuineness, paintings allegedly by the late National Artist for the Visual Arts H.R. Ocampo have not been submitted to the National Museum for forensic test.

The owner of the paintings had promised to submit them for lab tests, but unseen in the art world and the museum said she had yet to make good on her promise.

"Unbelievable! Unreal," said one source. "Apparently the display will continue to run of the show days or before yet, the 'tests' to forgive me."

The exhibit took place at the Greenhall 3 in Makati City. The works were said to have been authenticated by the daughter herself of the National Artist, who died in 1978.

In the catalogue of the exhibit, the names of the collector might have unwittingly prefigured the doubts that would be cast on the works when she admitted "It was so late that a miracle that the masterpieces in this exhibit came to our possession in a matter of just one week."

She added the works came from "two unconnected sources," whose names she didn't reveal.

"Unbelievable! H.R. Ocampo is even more prolific, now that he is dead than when he was alive!" said with obvious sarcasm by a renowned artist.

Tomorrow, in Inquirer Lifestyle's Arts and Books section, read more about the questionable paintings in an article by writer and artist Ed Maca-Ayen.

TESSA! Tessa Prieto-Valdes

'Lolo' Bibdo's fave was a Mercedes-Benz 300 SL coupe, with iconic 'gullwing' doors that opened up toward the sky. We called it his spaceship

Loving fast cars and toys for the big boys

MY FATHER'S father, Benito Pilotin, loved fast cars. Lolo Bibdo's first was a Mercedes-Benz 300 SL coupe, with iconic "gullwing" doors that opened up toward the sky to enchant his awestruck grandchildren. He called it his spaceship.

Fast forward to the 30th anniversary of Cars Masters, which is impressive display of Mercedes-Benz cars including the same stunning coupe. Could this be it's car?

Cars Masters, the premier luxury brand vehicle importer, celebrated its partnership with Mercedes-Benz with love antique rollercoaster, the launch of its new Mercedes-Benz flagship showroom and the arrival of the new and legendary Mercedes-Benz SL-Roadster.

The entrance to the expansive showroom is lined with automobiles from when Bibdo was the visionary president of Cars, started his first car dealership 20 years ago. Most won't notice the photos though as they are right beside vintage Merc dating back to the '50s.

Wolfgang Hoppenbauer, president of Daimler South East Asia, talked about their long-term partnership and shared vision with Cars. The luxury marque is looking to an even more exciting future in our country.

Mercedes Trophy

With it undeniably top-heavy three days, he and wife Grace have a new baby Francesca Grace, so they have much to be thankful for. Staying on the personal side, my sister family Romualdez will be competing over month in the Asian Finals of the Mercedes Trophy in Australia. My parents, Alex and Maribel Pilotin, will be flying there, too, to cheer for her and the local Merc order team.

The Mercedes Trophy is an international, golfing extravaganza of the brand. The winners in the Asian Finals qualify for the World Final in Stuttgart, Germany. Good luck, sis!

Canon's Night of Delight

Another brand entertaining an important milestone is Canon. The digital imaging leader

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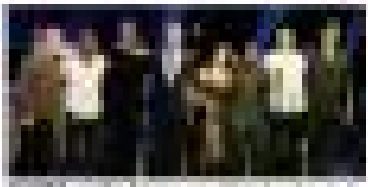

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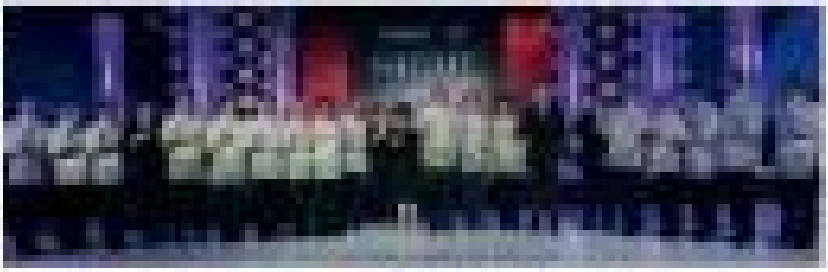

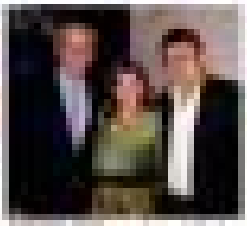

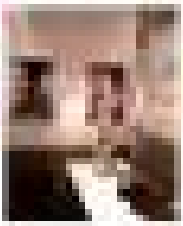

Retired—then served with a surprise assignment

A JULY TO REMEMBER

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Shia Le Beouf, chef Robuchon and other dream encounters

IT CAN'T hurt to dream. Dreams allow all allow us to meet people who we wouldn't typically encounter or take us to places we wouldn't normally get to in fact.

So, we asked some of Cebu's guys and dolls who, the one person in the world they would most like to meet, and where they would take him or her.

Kaye G. Layon and Cybill Gonzales

SET IN CEBU

Edwin Ao, 34, fashion designer

I would like to meet the fashion designer Martin Margiela and bring him to Barangay Island. The vibe, the Belgian designer who has never had his picture taken is sure to enjoy the expose blue waters and white sands of Barangay. He iconic hourglass hairstyle do ended (sculpture) would be the perfect accessory for viewing the island's ambient sunset. Maybe he'll have his picture taken there.

EDWIN AO

PAULA Rodriguez

Paula Rodriguez, 24, designer

I would love to meet Carol Gary. After stumbling upon her amazing work as a photographer, I was immediately inspired by how her pictures capture raw human emotions from all around world – especially when she takes photos of talents and stars. They are all so moving.

It would be amazing to have her here in Cebu to capture the island's people during fiestas or even just an ordinary day at the Basilica of Santo Niño. I believe she can capture a great memory of a fiesta.

ANTON Aldeguer

Anton Aldeguer, 19, student

I'd like to meet Dhia LaBeouf because I see a lot of myself in him. I think I found him cool first in a gay way, but in a man way) way back when he was the star of sci-fiinary Clan, and show, I really identified with him because of his weird sense of humor and his oh-so-funny facial expressions. From what I've read about him, he loves comic books and other's films just as I do. So he'd probably enjoy one of my favourite places in Cebu as well—Malapascua Island.

Since we're so much alike, I think he would enjoy the fresh seafood there, bought straight from the fishermen's boat and perhaps even some exotic Filipino dishes. I'd also take him jumping off cliffs and swimming so he can enjoy the rich underwater life that Malapascua has to offer.

Brian Chua, 36

I would love to meet Du Sopondav's Jacques Cousteau's son, Jean-Michel Cousteau, who also produced the "Ocean Adventures" series.

Of course, I'd take him scuba diving in Moalboal and Malapascua. He should consider featuring Cebu on his series.

BRIAN Chua

Catrina Martinez, 33, marketing manager

My husband and I absolutely love to cook and one as I'd love to meet chef of the century, Joel Robuchon. I'd take him to our out house in San Remigio, a very simple yet incredibly scenic location in northern Cebu.

There he can teach us how to cook, relax on the beach, and enjoy some the finest Bisaya Cebu has to offer, like its huts, lechon and sweet babies!

CATRINA Martinez

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SUNDAY CROSSWORD

PREMIER CROSSWORD / By Frank A. Longo

COMPONENTS IN COMMON

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Analyzing the 'Batman Killer'

DEATH PSYCHOSIS and serial killers can be clearly analyzed through astrology. We see in the chart of the "Batman Killer," James Holmes, the position of Mars and Pluto influencing the house of death in his horoscope.

The clearly malevolent effect evidenced perpetrated on the individual, or he himself committing the act. Neptune, Uranus and his karmic planets also challenge the house at the time of his birth, indicating an unstable, confused and unfortunately deranged individual who acts suddenly and mercilessly.

Dadhichi Toth

LOVE HOROSCOPE

Aries

The sentiments of a close friend or perhaps even a stranger will inspire and invigorate you at this time. It's now or never, so you're still worried and can make an impact on others, even if you haven't exactly left an imp of your game recently.

Taurus

You shouldn't try too hard romantically, because desperation is the last thing a prospective lover is attracted to. On the other hand, this is a creative time and should give you considerable satisfaction, as long as you associate with people of like mind.

Gemini

Don't impose your values on friends this week, as it could spell trouble. Give and lose others' behaviors if order to keep the peace. Impress power play, as you'll only give satisfaction to the others present by losing your self-composure.

Cancer

Your social environment is a mixed bag this week. Some of your friends would be downright irritating. You need to find a quiet corner in a café with your best mate to drive out this world. People will soon get the idea if you are entertaining your demands.

Leo

You can shine among your peers and make a bold statement about who you are during this cycle. You have the attention of those who count, so relax you say and discover the coming days will propel you forward soundly in a big way.

Virgo

You'll feel really happy in your relationships at his time. With the sun and Mercury spotlighting love affairs this week, you are excited about the long-term prospects. Your social agenda will be jam-packed as well, so you may as well enjoy the positive energy.

Libra

You will be disappointed by the actions of a friend. This could be associated with money and you're reminded to trust you in any way if your ego prevails, you will no doubt be taking this matter far too personally. It's best to let things slide.

Scorpio

Your mind is flighty, and making a decision about someone this week will be extremely difficult. You'll see both sides of a situation, and will swing from one viewpoint to another. If you can't make up your mind, ask the advice of a close friend who will help provide a solution.

Sagittarius

If you can't be consistent in your emotional life at this time, it's best to bow out for a while, then return to the relationship when you feel refreshed. It could be one of those times when ordinary is not as unpeak, and attempting to do as

results as possible will only be a waste of your time.

Capricorn

Your lover or spouse is unusually demanding but try to see beneath the surface of what is motivating their behavior. Are they feeling a little ordered day on your journey schedule? It only takes a little time to reassure them that everything is fine from your end.

Aquarius

If you're afraid of showing a little more sensitivity in your love life, it's because you think others are going to take advantage. You may be absolutely right. Pick your mark before wearing your heart on your sleeve, and take things slowly.

Pisces

A change is as good as a holiday and your hand will be contemplating the possibilities of a journey just now. To gain the most out of this cycle, step away from friends and family and immerse yourself in new experiences. You'll come to a decision soon easily.

Your Karma: Q&A with Dadhichi

Hi, Dadhichi,

I am a Taurus, and was wondering why I can't seem to find satisfaction in my relationships. It seems as if my requests to my partner are never met, and he seems to be more and more distant just now. Can astrology answer my question? I appreciate your help.

Regards,
Jeanne, Manila

Hi Jeanne,

You have some challenges now astrologically, and chiefly Saturn will place even more pressure on your relationship. This means you need to improve your communication and not walk away from difficult situations. Your partner is frustrated that you are incapable of talking about serious issues. Give it a go and hopefully this will help. Good luck.

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A thousand kisses deep

ONE NIGHT, after watching an opera, my friend Muriel and I were hungry. It was past 1 a.m. Only the Manila Hotel Top Room was still open for chow. It was our only option if we didn't want to appear ridiculous in our sprayed-on semi-formals.

Are there really more girls now than boys? To top it all, gays may be after the same guys, too!

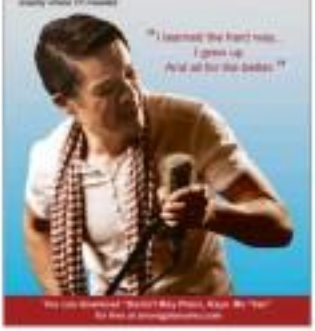
Although we were already women of a certain age and trying-hard socialaccessorizers, I still felt a slight nuisance about being without a male escort at that watching hour.

But we saw that right next to a table of eight or so unescorted young women, happily eating, drinking and laughing away, as if men had become ir-

A THOUSAND 11

From starting out as Rivermaya's frontliner to hitting rockbottoms to sticking out on his own as a solo artist, Bamboo, the battle-scarred veteran of the roller coaster ride of rock has been through it all.

But a new chapter in his story is just about to begin.



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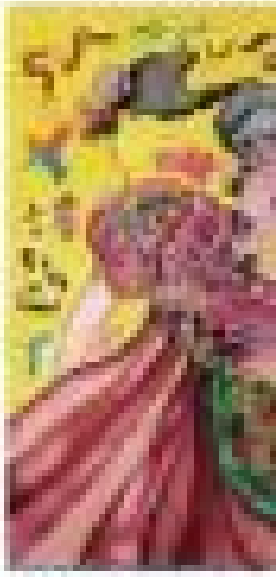
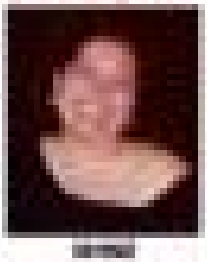


Barefoot in the barrio

Rajendra, my hometown, is a walking town with narrow, winding streets lined with houses huddled close to keep people inside cool, a foggy afternoon

A spirit strengthened by hardships

With all the turmoil in his heart, the desire to become a doctor still prevailed



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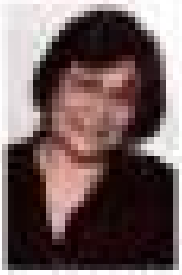

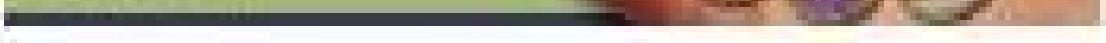

Where did the time go?

Conchita C. Razon

MY CHAIR ROCKS

Some of us worry so much about the end of our days that we never really begin to live them. What a waste

YOOHOO MORNING yesterday. You woke up and time has slipped away."

Time is our friend and our enemy all at once. It is said that it heals, that time flies, that time waits for no one; that with its passage, all resentments are appeased, all count as forgotten.

I am not too sure about that. I know of people who have so embraced their old hurts and resentments that today their souls languish and loiter in darkness and pain.

We are all familiar with the image of Father Time, an old man with a long white beard, dressed in a white robe, carrying a scythe and an hour glass. The scythe is for the harvest of souls and the hourglass represents time's one-way movement...always forward.

The figure is traditionally shown as New Year's Eve by editorial cartoonists who portray the bearded old man as the "old year," turning over the world as it nears to the "Baby New Year."

Time is the same precious and also the most perishable of all our possessions. Think about it:

"Every morning you are handed 24 golden hours. They are one of the few things to be useful that you get free of charge. If you load all the money in the world, you couldn't buy an extra hour. What will you do with this precious treasure? Remember, you must use it, or it is gone with once. Once wasted you cannot get it back." (Anonymous)

Time is God-given, and therefore perfect. Our problem is that we don't know what to do with it. Some of us complain that we don't have enough. Others seem to have too much. We spend time thoughtlessly, and we squander it without any qualms as if we had our own private deep well from which we can draw at will.

Game over

What is it like when you run out of time? In school, we get the signal when it is done. Press it up. Then your papers. Will it be Pass or Fail? When the clock hovers in the stations, it's "game over." In life, it's pretty much the same.

Inquire with Jodi Blangiano and Eileen Galvez at 0917-6673042 or 3609-4012887, e-mail greenfaithmissiondb@aol.com and greenfaithkidsdb@yahoo.com or visit www.facebook.com/greenfaithkidsdb. Deadline for payment is on Aug. 10.

'William' rerun in Peta Theater

"William" fanatics or young people with the beauty of Shakespeare's works through rap and hip-hop. It's an performance fit in the recent Philippine Samsul Bahay! Awards—Outstanding Play, Outstanding Ensemble Performance for a Play, Outstanding Original Script for Ben Capending, Outstanding Stage Direction for artistic director Wenbel Legarda, Outstanding Male Lead Performance in a Play for Jeon Segovia, Outstanding Male Featured Performance in a Play for Jojo Alonzo.

"William" first opened Peta's Shakespeare Season as a primer for high school students who may fear Shakespeare or may not know the Bard at all. A video report by Marek Pi at Universe of BBC News described the play as a "modern twist on Shakespeare."

The rap performance, choreographed by John Tan of the Urban Bounce Crew and peppered with hip-hop moves like crumping and breakdance, while also adding ballroom and jazz hip-hop.

"William" features 10 original rap songs composed by Jeff Hernandez.

"William" runs at the Peta Theater Center July 27-29, 8 p.m. and 3 p.m. Tickets are at P350 and P500. Call Peta at 7266266, 0917-5354400, e-mail petatheater@gmail.com; visit www.petatheater.com.

Photography workshop

The Digital Photography 101 workshop will be held on Aug. 4 and 11, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at the Filipinas Heritage Library, Makati Ave., Ayala Triangle, Makati City.

It aims to train basic skills and techniques that are essential for every digital photographer, and get the most of your camera, by using exposure, lighting, composition, perspective and other elements of design when taking photographs.

Dennis Balangue will conduct the class. He has photographed and featured in his exhibits numerous celebrities and some of Europe's celebrated scenes. He is also exercising some of Manila 25th photography needs.

Participants are required to bring their digital cameras, preferably SLR, capable of at least one mega pixel.

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Flower arrangement seminar set

The Golden Treasure Skills and Development Program will conduct a one-day seminar on fresh flower arrangement combined with balloon decoration today, July 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., at the SMX Convention Center, Mall of Asia Complex, Pasay City.

The daylong seminar will cover the basic principles of floral design with hands-on experience that will specifically cover triangle flower arrangement, oval flower arrangement, minimal arrangement, wrist corsage, bouquet, roses in a box, Alex, balloon decoration techniques cover basics on making three balloons in a mug, round flower arrangement with a balloon, balloon topiary, arch balloon, balloon inside the balloon.

All the materials, handouts for fresh flowers and balloons, in his seed will be provided, including lunch and snacks. A certificate of training will be given to the participants.

For quotations, call 4211377, 9138661, 4361606, or log on to www.GoldenTreasureSkills.com.

Healing pilgrimage to Tarlac

SISTER FIDELIS Travels brings pilgrims aside to this province of Tarlac on Aug. 25 for its second healing pilgrimage this year.

Highlight of the trip is a visit to Monasterio de Tarlac in San Jose to venerate the relic of the True Cross of Jesus Christ at the Church of the Risen Christ.

Pilgrims will also visit the Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Church of Barangay Central in Hacienda Luisita, patterned after the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in France; San Sebastian Cathedral in Tarlac City; the churches of St. Raphael the Archangel and San Lorenzo Ruiz also in Tarlac City; and Diocesan Shrine of Nuestra Señora De La Paz y Buen Viaje (Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage) in La Paz.

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WEISZ in a "Bourne" scene shot in San Andres, Manila

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor Ernesto G. Velarde

Rachel Weisz on working with Pinoys, being Mrs. Bond and... Soup No. 5

'The Filipino actors were wonderful— there was one, particularly, he played the security guy at the lab'

LOS ANGELES – I never thought I'd have a conversation about...Soup No. 5 with an Oscar-winning actress.

But there I was at the first moment in LA recently, asking Rachel Weisz if she had her fill of Filipino food while she was shooting "The Bourne Legacy" in the Philippines early

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Rachel Weisz ...

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this year. The actress, who never looked lovelier, had told me before that she and director Darren Aronofsky, her boyfriend at the time, loved eating lumpia and adobo at Jessica Gondillez (www.sunset.ph/people/Yum and relocated to Brooklyn).

Aphrodisiac

"I had a lot of lumpia and adobo [in Manila]," said Rachel, clad in a leather dress-and-black jacket. "I also had...what's that dish which has balls?"

"Balls?" I enunciated.

"You know what I mean," the London native said. I refrained from telling her the name of the early Filipino dish I knew that is made from boiled testes: "Sisig/Sic. 5."

Smiling, the University of Cambridge-educated actress said, "Sisig/Sic. 5, which is a sophisticated...?" I could only smile myself as I recalled, "It's served mostly in morels..."

"Morels?" Rachel asked.

I said, "It's [the dish] a mess: d..."

"Aphrodisiac?" she asked again. "Yes," I replied. Rachel said, "I didn't know that." She said again, "Sisig/Sic. 5 from the Philippines."

I had to ask, "Did Mr. (Daniel) Craig taste the soup?" Rachel's hubby visited her in Manila. "No, he didn't," she said. "He had some adobo. He also told me Sisig/Sic. 5 was an aphrodisiac."

Fish balls

It turns out that Rachel probably had fish balls, not the testes soup. In a quick check later with "Bourne Legacy" Philippine line producer Lupe "Bats" Ithurt Jr., he told me via e-mail: "I was told during the shoot the local name [for fish balls]..."

Turning to a "lighter" topic, I asked Rachel about her experience working with Filipino actors in "The Bourne Legacy," which also stars Jeremy Renner and Edward Norton, and is directed by Tony Gilroy. Rachel mentioned in two earlier columns, Rachel and Jeremy are excellent as ex-operatives and a romantic scientist, respectively, who are fleeing to save their lives. They end up in the Philippines, where a clinic manned by company's lab assistants are located. The two have great chemistry together.

Wonderful

"We worked with some wonderful Philippine actors," Rachel replied. "I'm sorry if I don't remember all of their names. There was one, particularly, [whose] name slips my mind. He played the security guy at the lab."

When I asked if it was Arthur Acuña, the mysterious "Sir, he's a wonderful actor. And there was the actress who was on the bridge when we jumped off motorcycles. I'm terrible at names. But those were really wonderful scenes...All the extras were really amazing. They excited for us really to know to be part of the movie. They were excited that we were filming there."

Added the Oscar and Golden Globe Best Supporting Actress winner for "The Constant Gardener": "There's really a great infrastructure in place. I'm sure Frank (Marshall, producer) talked to you about that [on last Friday's column]. There's great local talent in art, camera and other departments."

Asked about the most challenging scene she filmed for the movie, Rachel volunteered the last stage of a motorcycle chase scene, which took place at the Navotas Fish Port Complex. "The port wasn't just an environment," she said. "It was a bustling scene. It was in the air. It was a very difficult place to film in. We did what was probably for me, the scariest stunt: become [seeing and] riding off a bike and we got pulled along the ground about 200 feet. We

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'Paradise Lost'

ANN JAMES

GMA NEWS TV airs the Korean Channel documentary "Taste Better After Decades Lost," that offers a firsthand account by survivor Gracia Burnham, and expert analysis on the 2001 Philippine kidnapping and the bloody fire fight that ended it.

Burnham, an American, was among the four hostages killed and 10 others shot by the Abu Sayyaf group.

The transcultural documentary "Como Llama Ahora: Paradise Lost" airs on ERB News TV Channel 11 tonight, starting at 9:15 p.m.

'NY Ink 2'

"NY Ink 2," a 10-part series, follows Jane Jansen, Tattoo King of New York, and his artistic team, the Pharaoh Street Social Club (PSSC), as they continue to deal with the emotions of juggling the demands of managing a successful tattoo business and their hectic personal lives.

The series premieres on TLC tonight at 11 p.m. New episodes every Sunday during same time, and encores the next day at 1 a.m.

'Ghost Story Asia'

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BIO is available on Skycable channel 60, Cablelink channel 18, Imagen channel 10 and Destiny Cable channel 62.

Rachel...

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CHIN Acuña: Memorable performance

wore on our elbows. That was why I had to wear elbow pads. We wore no cables being pulled along."

Perfect company

She continued: "But Indian Tony said 'Relax,' the stuntmen said. 'Whatever you do, don't put your feet down.' I was like, 'Why?' He said, 'Because your legs will get snapped.' He was kind of half-joking but it was still scary."

Admitting that she doesn't like to rehearse scenes, Rachel said she was in perfect company. "Tony and Jeremy don't like to so because either," she pointed out. "So it was my dream job in that respect. We'd arrive on the set and just do it. We did work constantly on our own, I am sure I did. But it was mostly intuition for me and not much else."

High praise

The actress had nothing but high praise for her co-star, whom she has known for about a decade. "Jeremy is a really tremendous action. He's got a lot of masculinity, danger, power, gravitas, strength and intelligence in him. But he's also got empathy, some vulnerability, gentleness and great sensitivity. So bringing those qualities together is like a potent cocktail.

"At I've said, we made the easiest way to do what we are is not rehearsed. I don't know how to explain it better than that. We had a really good working relationship. We never sat down, analyzed or talked about things. It just happened very naturally for us. I had wanted to work with him for a long time."

Quite fit

In the movie, Rachel does a lot of running and almost falls off a motorbike being driven by Arnaz. "I'm not playing a super hero, an agent or a spy as I didn't have to learn special powers or anything," she explained. "But I'm quite fit. I did some interval training on the treadmill where I jogged and sprinted just so my lungs got stronger. I lifted no to run like rigid because—reverse told me this—arm hips are wider so our feet turn out when we run." She added, laughing now, "I was really concentrating on not running like a girl. That was my challenge."

Tying the knot in June last year was deeply significant to Rachel. "It was a very meaningful ceremony," she said. "It certainly meant a lot to me. I love being married. I'm extremely happy."

Grounding

She said having a family, which revolves around Hiro, 6, her son with Darren, "is very grounding. It's the one thing that matters most to me. It's incredible watching my son grow up, learn to read, discover the world and have boundaries. Being a mum is definitely the greatest joy of my life."

Yet now Rachel does not show interest in what his mom does for a living. "He's not very interested in my work at all," Rachel said. "When I was Brunnen in the coming Yin: The Green and I Disappear, I said, 'Conor, mummy's going to fly. Come watch me.' He was not very interested. You know that his dad makes movies. He's very used to it. Not excited. But Henry is not jaded. He has his own fantasy life, which is richer and more fulfilling than the movie industry. I think that's good."

Asked to name the James Bond movie that she enjoyed the most, Rachel said, "Oh, gosh. I haven't seen them all but the one that would come to mind is 'Casino Royale,'" she clarified with a grin. "But I am honestly biased. The movie has fantastic pieces of acting really great piece of very unrealistic acting."

Enough roars

And finally, Barrow women tough? "It's a five-month swimming," Rachel quipped, still smiling. "There's room for bath chambers. They're both wonderful and every different."

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Beauty hooks up with cute guy who dumped her friend

CAMILLE Prats

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...din dahil kay Bobie. (We really should leave the matchmaking to Madrinas out of this.)

● Split! Boy Regine relationship sa ulak dahil sa sobrang pagpapaselos? (Eh di kayang tanggapin?)

● Sarah magtatarta, tinanggihan ang handshake ni Gerald (SAD.)

● Donald nasa na Ang Ninth, naghahanap ng bagong ka-date (Khukh on his feet!)

● Mommy Divine nahiwalay sa lendaw nina Sarah at Gerald (Too soon, too long, Red Fanny at all, sorry.)

MARTIN Escudero

● Mommy at Sarah sobra na raw ang pagiging opal (Tuso words, ice-ice.)

● Sarah nakakainis, parang isang buong kaping nakakaching sa Awards Night. (Ang sakit sa mata!)

● Juliet ni Lt. Camille Prats ayaw nang mag-comer sili (Juliet we can all help by learning how alone to decide.)

● Khuh na-hand ni Dawn Sotto kay Jinjoy Ejercito (We wonder why. So, truly.)

● Pinkihiwalay si Angelica Jones, pinagmumuran lang (What's laughing? Spill it!)

● Carmina, Marvinch ba ka lage nang Aubrey at Zaijian? (We hope you mean only to accompany.)

● Donald Pudilla naghahanap ng aabang pagmamahalan (Ito young, accident-inclined?)

● Right on Jong daw nagsimulan sa Star Magic Party sa "SOAP 2012". Mga, Mahirap naghahanap dahil sa salon. (Unfortunately, that's all it takes sometimes.)

● Mumalo man o wang Regine Khuh pagpapasok ni Ogie (And that's when it takes to be called a real man.)

● Diamond Gutierrez kay Annabelle Angel na ang pagpa-cel at mga walang mata? (Wouldn't it be better to scrap it, period?)

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Mainstream crosses over to indies

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Jon Lucas's "Dumbstruck" had the backing not only of TFC but also of APT Entertainment's Tony Boy Reyes, producer of the country's longest-running noontime show "Eat ... Bulaga!"

TFC talents Alex Dixon, Rita Avila, Bill Lumbaughead and Glaiza de Castro, among others, were present at Wednesday's premiere on Broadway night.

Budget

Lee noted "Another interesting aspect here is the budget. The finalists needed a counterpart financing plan to make their films. Again, if they have an actor managed by their studios, they get some form of financial support as well." (This is on top of the seed grant that Cinemalaya gives to finance the finalists.)

In any case, Lee doesn't believe there should be a line dividing mainstream and indie. "A good film is a good film," he stressed.

Tolibo said the challenge in making "Ang Kwiwenk" was how to keep his acting subtle. "It's hard when, at the same time, you need to make an impact on the audience," he explained.

Exceptional

Emmanuel Rhio said working with a superstar like Martin wasn't difficult at all.

The director said, "Coco loves what he's doing. I see it every day when he arrives on the set. I think that he would always be coming from saying (the TV series "Wowing Ang-gan"), which finishes at 4 a.m. He's on our set at 8 a.m. He just runs to our corner and naasa for his nap."

Rhio said he didn't require much from Martin. "I just told him to make it credible, to raise his TV acting. It was easy for him because he's exceptionally talented."

Iwaya Ara said he felt compelled to do "Dyut" because "people have to know that is really happening." The Rita Avila-Iwaya exploration of the dead to generate income from the profits of gambling.

"It's not easy to watch a film about poverty without a rose-angle or comedic twist. I just hope the audience will not grow tired of films like this," he said as hot film's gala night on Monday.

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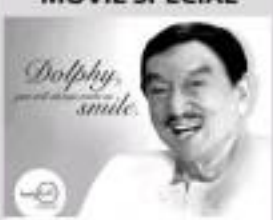

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ARMIDA Siguion-Reyna and Eddie Garcia in "Bwakaw"

Mainstream crosses over to indies

By Rhoderick R. Cruz

"MORE and more mainstream actors are crossing over to independent movies. Hence, TV studios are supporting these indie projects, which," said award-winning writer/director Lee Thelma Lee.

Lee made these observations when the business asked him to comment on the involvement of television networks ABS-CBN, TV5 and GMA 7 in the promotion of several entries in this year's Cinemalaya Philippine Independent Film Festival.

"Indie producers and filmmakers want more people to watch their movies, so they have mainstream actors, whose schedules are handled by these studios. Inevitably, they get the support of the studios as well," said Lee, who is a Cinemalaya jury member. The 12-day fest ends today.

One of the finalists, "Santa Nibs," which features Coco Martin in the lead, was initially promoted by ABS-CBN. It enjoyed a lot of media exposure because aside from Martin, the film's director, Emmanuel Palo, is also a Kapamilya talent. Palo directs the drama series "Kung Ako'y Iiwan Mo," starring Sharon Cuneta and John Lloyd.

"Owa," which features GMA 7 contract artist Kristoffer Martin, is reproduced by Kapuso executive Joey Abacan. The film's director, Paul Sta. Ana — one of the resident scriptwriters of GMA 7 — thanked several Kapuso leaders present at the gala premiere on Monday night.

Alex Adlawan, director of "Ang Kasiyahan," is also a writer at GMA 7. It didn't come as a surprise when he signed up another Kapuso talent, Dennis Trillo, to play the lead role in the love forced category finalist. The film's gala premiere on Wednesday night likewise enjoyed TV coverage.

Beauty hooks up with cute guy who dumped her friend

By the Entertainment Staff

YEARS ago, beautiful Actress nagged Cute Heartbreaker the affectionate hint. She told friends that CH was hardly good material when he broke up with Popular Star.

But let everyone know that CH had smacked PS after a traumatic breakup.

But lurrured in the love and now: BS was seen hanging out with CH at a posh mall.

Is BS a masochist? Most having her heart shattered in her own failed relationship, is she rushing into another disaster waiting to happen? Or is she merely toying with CH?

BS knows CH's game plan and, from the looks of it, she has the upper hand. She was over heard referring CH around like an underling.

Close-door policy

The gala screening of Jun Lana's "Bwakaw" at the Cinemalaya fest last Monday was a certified success — filling up the Main Theater of the Cultural Center of the Philippines to the rafters.

But closet of the theaters were shut 30 minutes before the start of the screening. Even media people were refused entry and instructed by ushers to proceed to the balcony instead.

The orchestra seats were supposedly reserved for guest stars and makers — some of whom had an connection with the film, or the indie scene for that matter.

Show biz no show biz as org Cinemalaya, not even observers.

Macau leaks

Another Handsome Hunk has relocated to Macau.

A source says SH opted to work in Asia's gambling par adise because his career in local show biz had dwindled to a halt.

Meanwhile, another Macau based Macho Man has returned home. MH seems content on appear in 10th-and-you'll-miss him roles in indie projects that are just as forgettable.

Bare essentials

Show biz insiders thought he chastened heroine was being a pri macdonna.

Ad's first Manager told SI (Sad statement really) was a no no. Turned out, only SH was against the idea.

Ad had no qualms about baring her assets unlike her Cute Partner, who refused to strip down to his undies.

Meet the folks

Closeted Actor was able to come out to his Beloved Dad, after all.

Years ago, CA introduced his beau at the time, Charming Hunk, to BD. CH was just a show biz neophyte then.

BD wholeheartedly accepted the relationship. Sadly, the two soon broke up. CH ended up in the arms of another Gay Actor. Unfortunately, CA wouldn't introduce CH to his feisty Mom.

Top of Bandera

The top show biz news in the business subfield Bandera (and why we are steered if we are steered.

• Mister Shoppings among org signs signs up months (Let's not mess will everything.)

• Sabi ng mamin si pagdalaw niya sa Bahrain, Derek Ramsay nadulaanin sa Japan, amuhe ng shape UN all fun and games until someone gets hurt.)

• Isa pa rin mindset nang lawa ni Angelina at ang ABS-CBN. Pero nakahiga na siya tapusin sa pero' (Money) and nakakaraan in the same breath can't be right.)

• Sinisi ni Magalong na ang pa no ito, pando no' eh? (Ang dating dasuyin ngayon?)

• Janice: Di na kami magpag ing friends eh kita friends (Not everyone is wired for that.)

• Janice, dinah nagpag collecting me ng mga email with ni John. (That's plain bastos.)

• Vicki, Hayden nagbabalikan na naman. (Here we go again...)

• Nagkatapos i-deny na may relationship ng young innovations, hindi ba Bandera nagkakaamoy ng mga feeling at lambing? (Oh, boy.)

• Lahat ay nagpag ikipusan, Bulilit nagpag ampi sa GMA 7 (Oh, you mean the writers?)

• Ate Guy mailing witnessed na ang ay nagpag aaway (Bebe don't do, even if you are the Guy.)

• Nagkatapos nga mamatapos na ang nasabi. Hay, ano ito nagpapasar na lang ako? (Bebe'ae get to be kidding us.)

• Na-shock ang lahat dahil sa pag-fan, kaso: Order! Kakagamit nito! talaga ako! (You can't control reality—recipe for disaster.)

• Nagbagsak si CEP dahil hay Lo... si Martin (Eh kasi naman!)

• Announcement ako malaam ang bongging career: Coco Zaluga pang with: pe akong time sa mga bobo (That makes sense; there's time for that kasi.)

• Jessica Zafra ma publisher sa Indonesia kapag dap Jackie Kuz. (This is really a sana ol. I've got to see it to comment on.)

• Dami: Hindi kami close sa Miss Anda, hindi rin ka ro ro minahal (Okay then. Let's all move right along, shall we?)

• Vice Ganda: Ang saya sa ang Cinelyan, kaso si Xia (Sa bad b coming, didn't see?)

• Ayon daw ka mam ng babae ka pag nawa akong Archive; Kra ang popular (Bebe).

BOOTS O

RUSHES

HAS CARMINA Villarosa "takes" for Zaijian Jaranilla' Geip the Kapamilya drama, "Lavinia's Time," has the scenes.

SHARI Caramina

ABS-CBN's "ASAP" today hosts Manila's Movie U's Dish your fa vorite ta...

JERICHO Rosales, left, and Joel Madela were among the Kapamilya stars who recently entertained Pinoys in Rio de Janeiro as London 20 12, announced by The Philippine Centre and The Filipino Channel.

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Thus announced Charlie A. V. Tordesillas and Jerry M. Yanzon, the national president and chairman of CREBA, respectively.

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  - BS Mass Communication/ Mass Communication / Development Communication
  - BS Computer Science, Computer Engineering, IS/ Information Technology and any IT-related courses
  - With 1 lifetime degree in English, Filipino, Mathematics, Sciences & Social Studies
- Computer proficiency/ability in MAC applications
- With training / working experience

SALES REPRESENTATIVES / TRAINEES

- Male, not over 28 years old
- College graduate, preferably with subjects in Marketing, Communication Arts or Education
- Pleasing personality, with good communication skills and persuasive power, Willing to travel
- Preferably with sales experience or internship

ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT

- MS Single, not over 26 years old
- Graduate of Accountancy
- Minimum of least 1 – 2 years work-related experience
- With pleasing personality
- Computer proficient

PRODUCTION / PRINTING SUPERVISOR

- College graduate
- Male, not more than 35 years of age
- At least 5'7" in height
- Has been in the printing industry for at least 5 years
- Willing to work in night shift
- Has at least 3 years of experience in supervision of printing operation

IN-LINE FINISHING OPERATOR

- College graduate
- Male, not more than 35 years of age
- At least 5'7" in height
- Preferably with Collating, Binding and Trimming experience
- Willing to work in night shift

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- MS Single, not over 28 years old
- Graduate of Computer Science / IT-related course
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- Preferably with cPanel knowledge

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- MS Single, not more than 30 years old
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- Has experience in interface design for mobile and web applications

LIBRARIAN AND RESEARCHER

- MS Single, not over 28 years old
- Library & Information Science graduate
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The full description of the positions can be retrieved from the EMI website http://emsa.emi-megacities.org.

DEADLINE OF APPLICATION: July 31, 2012

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2. OFFICE ENGINEER
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   - 1 year to 3 years experience in road construction
   - With Computer Literacy
     - Word Processing
     - Spreadsheets
     - Drawing / Estimating / Project Scheduling / Project Monitoring / Progress Billing Preparation
     - Database / Data Encoding skills in Back Office Operations

Please send your application letter and resume with complete bio-data to:
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For interested applicants, visit or contact:

EMILY JOY ACOSTA-GASAD, PhD
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Administration Clerk	M / F	01	2000
HR Officer	M / F	01	3000 - 4000
Customer Service Manager	M / F	01	3000
B. SENIOR DEPARTMENT STAFF			
Produce Staff	M / F	01	2500 - 3000
Meat Department Staff	M / F	01	2500 - 3000
Deli Staff	M / F	01	2500 - 3000
Grocery Staff	M / F	01	2500 - 3000
Bakery Staff	M / F	01	2500 - 3000
HR Supervisor	M / F	01	2000 - 3000
Cashier/ Service Desk	M / F	01	2000 - 3000
C. SALES ASSISTANTS			
Grocery Staff	M / F	05	1800 - 2000
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Bakery Staff	M / F	03	1800 - 2000
Deli Staff	M / F	03	1800 - 2000
Produce Staff	M / F	03	1800 - 2000
Cashier	Female	03	1800 - 2000
Produce Staff	M / F	03	1800 - 2000
Cashiers / Grocery	Male	03	1800 - 2000
Butchery Staff	Male	03	1800 - 2000
Customer Service Staff	M / F	03	1800 - 2000
D. STORES			
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Shop Keeper	M / F	01	2000
Delivery	M / F	01	2000
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National Professional Officer
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General Description of Work
The incumbent will be part of the Health System Strengthening cluster in the Office of the WHO Representative in the Philippines (WRPHL) and will be in charge of the WHO Essential Medicines and Health Technologies (EMT) programme in the Philippines. He/She will work closely with the Department of Health and all levels of the health sector and collaborate with other relevant government institutions, nongovernmental organizations, donors and other national and international health partners. He/She is expected to exercise a good degree of initiative and innovation in advocating and disseminating key information/issues among stakeholders; promoting coordination within the WHO country office and within the government and relevant partners in addressing issues and concerns related to access to medicines; shaping the EMT Country Office Strategy, as well as managing and monitoring its implementation.

Qualifications:
University degree in health sciences, pharmacy, public health or health economics is essential. Postgraduate qualification in management development, is desirable.

A minimum of five years of experience in the pharmaceutical area and a minimum of 3 years experience in planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health projects is essential. Experience in working with international organizations is desirable. Experience in collaborative programmes is an advantage. Experience in writing proposals, strategic papers and technical reports is a plus. Knowledge in the pharmaceutical industry and medicines financing as an advantage.

Contract Duration: One year with possibility of extension.
Qualified applicants may send their resume

(with e-mail address) to:
Dr See Nyun Li, WHO Representative, Office of the WHO Representative in the Philippines, Attention: Mrs Lyann Garcia, e-mail address: garcial@wpro.who.int
Please put NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL OFFICER (NPO) EMT in subject of email.
Deadline of submission: 24 August 2012

Call for Applicants

Private Sector Mobilization for Family Health Project – Phase 2 (PRIME II) is a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and implemented by Chemonics International Incorporated. The purpose of PRIME II is to support the Philippines Department of Health (DOH), the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and Local Government Units (LGUs) to engage and mobilize private sector resources in the delivery of family planning and maternal and health services. Chemonics International Inc. seeks applicants for the following positions:

- **Sr. Service Delivery Advisor and Hospital Specialist**
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- **Midwife Practice Specialist**
- **Workplace Specialist**
- **Strategic Partnership Fund (SPF) Subcontracts and Grants Manager**
- **Procurement Specialist**
- **(2) Communications Coordinator**
- **Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator**
- **Project Associate**

Detailed scope of work, deliverables, qualifications, special knowledge requirements and application procedures are available in our website: www.prime2.philippinetrips. Deadline for submission of applications is COB on the 5th of August 2012. Due to the volume of applications we receive, we will only contact short-listed candidates for further screening.

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EngenderHealth

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

EngenderHealth works to improve the health and well-being of people in the poorest countries of the world. We do this by ensuring our expertise in sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and transforming the quality of health care. We promote gender equity, advocate for sound practices and policies, and help people to exercise their rights to other healthier lives. Working in partnership with governments, civil society organizations, and health care professionals, we adapt our work in response to local needs.

EngenderHealth is seeking expressions of interest from highly qualified candidates to staff an anticipated USAID-funded reproductive, maternal and child health project in the Luzon, Mindanao, and Visayas island groups of the Philippines. Specific programmatic areas may include family planning, maternal, newborn, child health and nutrition, integrated services, health systems strengthening, local capacity building, and advocacy.

Philippines-based positions include: Project Director/Chief of Party (COP), Technical Director, Finance and Administration Director, Monitoring & Evaluation Director, and various Senior Technical Advisor openings.

The Project Director/COP must possess an advanced degree(s) in public health, medical or social sciences, health systems, international development or a related advanced degree and extensive management experience with at least ten years of work experience in designing and implementing health service delivery programs in developing countries, with five of these years spent managing large, complex FP/MCH projects while living in developing countries; experience interacting with government agencies, host country governments and counterparts and international donor agencies; demonstrated international credibility as a leader in health and health systems strengthening preferably in Southeast Asia in the areas of FP/MCH, including managing USAID or other major donor-funded health projects. Fluency in spoken and written English is a requirement; proficiency in Tagalog is plus.

Technical Director (possibly Deputy COP) must possess a medical degree (MD, MBBS) or other clinical degree such as nursing, midwifery, or an advanced degree in a related field. He/she must have at least eight years of experience in providing technical assistance, implementing or managing projects related to strengthening FP/RH facility-based services, with three to five years spent managing large, complex FP/MCH projects while living in developing countries; experience interacting with government agencies, host country governments and counterparts and international donor agencies; demonstrated international credibility as a leader in health and health systems strengthening preferably in Southeast Asia in the areas of FP/MCH, including managing USAID or other major donor-funded health projects. Fluency in spoken and written English is a requirement; proficiency in Tagalog is plus.

The Finance and Administration Director (possibly Deputy COP) must possess a university degree (Bachelor's degree or higher) in Finance/Accounting or a related field with a minimum of five years experience as a financial manager, preferably in a multi-office environment, as well as experience in a non-profit organization with US government grant reporting and management responsibilities. Fluency in spoken and written English is a requirement; proficiency in Tagalog is plus.

The Monitoring & Evaluation Director must possess an advanced degree in public health, demography, sociology, psychology, statistics or a related field; five years of experience supervising, monitoring & evaluation efforts for health programs in developing countries; demonstrated analytical skills and experience in collecting and analyzing data; demonstrated ability to integrate a variety of M&E approaches to be used by the project; demonstrated ability to undertake and supervise operations research, including designing research protocols, conducting research, analyzing and synthesizing data, and disseminating findings; strong writing and organizational skills in English for report preparation and quality results. Fluency in spoken and written English is a requirement; proficiency in Tagalog is plus.

Senior Technical Advisors (multiple vacancies anticipated) must possess a medical degree (MD, MBBS), other clinical degrees (such as nursing, midwifery), or a university degree in a related, relevant field. Must have at least seven years of experience providing technical assistance in the areas of FP/MCH. Experience should include building the capacity of public and private (non-profit) local implementing partners to scale up family planning and maternal health and child care services in facility and community-based settings, ensuring clinical quality at both facility and district levels, generating demand for services through community engagement, and advocating for sustainable changes. Experience working for international agencies is preferred. Fluency in spoken and written English is a requirement; proficiency in Tagalog is plus.

Experience in integrated approaches to quality health service delivery in the public sector and/or with private sector networks, including gender equity and community engagement for health is a plus for all candidates. All positions are subject to change based on procurement requirements and are contingent on EngenderHealth being awarded the project.

DEADLINE

Please visit the careers page at www.engenderhealth.org to submit your details online by **5th August 2012**. Please include details of your salary requirements and salary history. Only short listed candidates will be contacted.

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  - BS Electronics Communication Engineer
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- Not over 24 years old
- With above average academic performance
- Must belong to the upper 20% of the graduating class **(as certified by the School/University Registrar)**

Basic Requirements:

- Candidates must be able to communicate in English
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Interested applicants may submit their CV's not later than August 10, 2012 to:

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- Provide process assistance in the implementation of the unit's work program, including some specialized support in a specific area(s), e.g. task management, procurement, database management, information technology, external assistance, etc.
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Selection Criteria

- Bachelor's degree in Business, Engineering, Legal or any other relevant field.
- Good knowledge and understanding of World Bank procurement processes/policies and has experience working in a operational team.
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- Able to organize, prioritize, coordinate, and monitor distribution of unit's work activities to ensure that work progresses in an efficient, cost-effective and timely and collaborative manner.
- Excellent organizational skills. Able to undertake diverse and complex assignments with minimal supervision and resolve competing demands.
- Able to effectively and independently provide general research support. Demonstrates ability to access information, synthesize and present judgment of option reached.
- Exhibits excellent knowledge of Microsoft Office applications and proficiency of technology enhanced systems relevant to functional area.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills in English and Filipino.
- Minimum seven (7) years of relevant experience in administrative work preferably with international organizations.

For description of vacancy # 539888 is available in the World Bank Careers website www.worldbankjobs.org/careers. All applications must be submitted through this website. The World Bank Group is committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, nationality, culture and professional background. Individuals with disabilities are equally encouraged to apply.

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A tale of two sites

A TALE OF TWO CITIES (1859) is Charles Dickens' greatest historical work. He wrote it as he was experiencing the greatest upheaval in his personal life, just after he left his wife and children. The novel is set in London and Paris, against the backdrop of shifting events where many French citizens were guillotined. Despite this, there is still some trace of comedy and wit for which Dickens was known.

Dickens was born in 1812, seven years before Queen Victoria's birth at Napoleon's defeat in Trafalgar. He was a child of the 19th century with very comfortable early childhood. Things turned awry for Dickens when his father John had a penchant, later get arrested and he pictured in Marshalsea Prison. At age 12, Charles had to work and support the family's debts, pasting labels on to the jars of shoe polish. Suddenly, for this child-hood was over. Charles' experiences with the factory work and the Marshalsea Prison gave Charles great material for his early literary. Lovell Copperfield and Little Dorrit. Over the years, Charles would create other great characters in Dombey and Son, Nicholas Nickleby, Hard Times, Bleak House, Great Expectations, The Pickwick Papers, The Old Curiosity Shop, Barnaby Rudge, Martin Chuzzlewit, Our Mutual Friend, A Tale of Two Cities, and many more.

Wit or without

Charles Dickens' wit over flows and is manifested into the characters he creates. For instance, in Barnaby Rudge, the witty Simon Tappertit warned, "There are strings in the human heart that had better not be vibrated."

Dickens could be sarcastic in creative ways. In Nicholas Nickleby: "Mr. Squeers's appetite was not impaired by the sudden loss of view."

Dickens told of Mrs. Veneer, who "was a lady of what is commonly called an uncertain temper — a person who'll bring unexpected qualities a temper adorably certain to make twenty-body more or less uncomfortable."

In Our Mutual Friend, Dickens denounced Mr. Podsnap, the pompous upholder of all things considered dismal. Podsnap was an embodiment of all things Dickens hated but thrives in a person. Dickens thinks of Mr. Podsnap as "well-to-do, and stood very highly in Mr. Podsnap's opinion."

ASK YOUR CAREER COUNSELOR

Ernie G. Cecilio

Dickens' biographer, Edgar Johnson, believes that Podsnappery is the dominant attitude of unpredictable society, a vast unconscious and vulgar materialism.

Back to the future

My project team just went to the one stars of a client that engaged me for an organizational review and job evaluation.

The team was an impressed with how this client has maintained over the years its position-building. It has provided thousands of direct and indirect jobs in the communities where their plants are located, improved the environment, and protected the Laguna lake and Little Davit. Over the years, Charles would create other great characters in Dombey and Son, Nicholas Nickleby, Hard Times, Bleak House, Great Expectations, The Pickwick Papers, The Old Curiosity Shop, Barnaby Rudge, Martin Chuzzlewit, Our Mutual Friend, A Tale of Two Cities, and many more.

A few weeks ago, we urged the HR head to compete for the PMAP award in the near future. I got a hesitant smile in return. Perhaps, this column will help firm up the client's decision to vie for recognition as employer of choice.

Plans

The client invested billions in their mass cottoning area and is planning to expand their facility to fully meet the nation's energy needs. Their facilities are relatively modern and operating efficiently — including the housing for employees (and families) required to stay inside the plant premises. The amenities are modern and responsive to needs of employees and guests. Their processes are constantly reviewed and improved for greater efficiency and productivity. There is a high level of employee engagement.

Consistently, management holds union and departmental dialogues to feel the pulse of the people. Feedback from these dialogues reaches the Executive Committee, where supervisors and resource representatives sit. At the moment, the EXCOM has approved implementation of 128 recommendations, declined further study on 37, and declined 17 suggestions.

Human side of organization

In the course of our project, we had several encounters with managers and employees from the rose sites and the corporate headquarters. Managers are pleased with the professionalism with which we were accepted as consultants to improve their systems.

To our mind, despite the billions of dollars worth of assets, machinery, equipment, and processes in this area, our client is still in the people business. Incidentally, helping companies manage people is my passion.

Over the years, sometimes to this dismay or irritation, I would voice suggestions in this area we can best manage people. Today, great management can engender extraordinary emotional connection between the employees and their company or work, create significant impact in people's lives, and positively contribute to the bottom line.

Despite the look some of things in many organizations, there would be some room for improvement, especially to places where man is prone to wastes.

Improvement tips

Here are some tips to the readers from my industry managers and employees alike. Managers, in the HR department and the entire company, must work together with their people to build an environment, where:

- *Excellence is a call.* When complacency is allowed to creep into the system, excellence begins to die a little bit each day. Excellence as a corporate value must be translated into behaviors that go beyond how we work. Excellence must also be seen in attitudes and relationships.
- *Excitement is not the norm.* A culture of excellence is a culture of achievements — not of excitement. The vast majority of employees are modern and responsive to needs of employees and guests. Their processes are constantly reviewed and improved for greater efficiency and productivity. There is a high level of employee engagement.
- *Consistently, management*

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In Loving Memory
on the 10th Death Anniversary of
Judge MANUEL C. DIOSOMITO (Ret.)
of Naic, Cavite

Interment on 01 Eternal Life on July 29, 2002

His children, Manuel A. Diosomito, Lani G. Dalt, Tobias A. Dio, and his grandchildren and relatives express gratitude for the eternal repose of his soul.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered on the following churches today:

- Immaculate Conception Parish (Church), Naic, Cavite ..... 6:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 4:00 PM, 6:00 PM
- San Roque Parish, Naic, Cavite ..... 6:00 AM
- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Bonaguedine, Cavite ..... 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- San Isidro Labrador Sub-Parish, San Roque, Naic, Cavite ..... 7:00 AM & 5:00 PM
- San Pedro de Verona Parish, Palangue, Naic ..... 8:00 AM
- St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Timalan, Naic ..... 9:00 AM
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Sta. Rosa, Naic ..... 11:00 AM
- Cathedral Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Palangue, Naic ..... 5:00 PM
- Chapel of St. Peter Parish, Timalan, Naic ..... 5:00 PM

"Everyday is one more day, one more of your love we may through others see you always here and forever more and always love."

MELECIO B. MARQUEZ

Retiree of Development Bank of the Philippines

Peacefully joined his Creator on July 24, 2012 at the age of 62. He body lay in state at St. Pilot Chapel, Commonwealth, Q.C. Interment will be on August 1 after the 9AM mass at the Holy Cross Memorial Park, New Lucena, Q.C.

"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believed in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

"All never has there we give a Lord"
Twelfth Death Anniversary
REV. FR. ODILARDO "Efren" J. ARCEO
(November 14, 1965 - July 31, 2000)

Holy masses for his eternal peace and happiness will be offered at the following churches today, July 29, 2012:

- Saint Mary Guadalupe Parish, Antipolo City ..... 5:00 AM
- Basilica of Immaculate Conception, Antipolo City ..... 6:00 AM
- Parish of the Lord of Divine Mercy, Dalandan Phase ..... 6:00 AM
- San Isidro Labrador Parish, Marikina Heights ..... 6:00 AM
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, QF Phase, Quezon City ..... 6:00 AM
- Good Shepherd Parish, Cubao ..... 6:00 AM
- National Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus, Manila ..... 6:00 AM
- "El Salvador" College Chapel, Manila ..... 7:00 AM
- Santa Maria College Chapel, Cubao, Quezon City ..... 7:00 AM
- Bonifacio Shrine Chapel, Mandaluyong ..... 7:00 AM
- Our Lady Lifting Pillar, Sta. Cruz, Manila ..... 7:00 AM
- Chapel of The Lady of Guadalupe, Makati ..... 7:30 AM
- Blessed Sacrament Chapel, Mandaluyong ..... 8:00 AM
- Blessed Sacrament Metro Gondola Home, Edsa Kamuning ..... 12:00 NN
- Nativity of Our Lord Parish, Cubao, Quezon City ..... 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- Immaculate Conception Cathedral Parish, Cubao, Quezon City ..... 6:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- St. Francis Church, New Manila, Quezon City ..... 6:30 AM & 5:30 PM
- Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Kamuning, Quezon City ..... 7:30 AM & 6:00 PM
- Good Shepherd Chapel, San Pedro, Laguna, Batangas ..... 7:00 AM & 6:00 PM

The family requests relatives, friends and pious readers to please remember him in their prayers.

"LET US KEEP THE FLAME OF REMEMBRANCE BURNING IN OUR HEARTS."

In Loving Memory
on the 40th Death Anniversary of
LILY DE LAS ALAS PADILLA
On July 29, 2012

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered today at 12:00 NN, ALPHAS ESTATE, Sumulong Highway, Antipolo City and at the following Churches:

- Sacred Heart Parish, Kamuning, Quezon City ..... 5:15 a.m.
- Nina Basilica and National Shrine of San Lorenzo Ruiz, Binondo, Manila ..... 6:00 a.m.
- Sanctuario De Dios Parish, Guadalupe Viejo, Makati City ..... 6:00 a.m.
- Mary the Queen Parish, Madison St., Greenhills West, San Juan City ..... 6:00 a.m.
- Santuario De San Jose, Greenhills East, Mandaluyong City ..... 6:00 a.m.
- National Shrine of Saint Jude Thaddeus, Dr. J.P. Laurel St. SL, San Miguel, Manila ..... 6:00 a.m.
- St. Francis Parish, Shaw Blvd, Mandaluyong City ..... 6:30 a.m.
- Christ the King Parish, Green Meadows, Quezon City ..... 7:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kamuning, Quezon City ..... 7:00 a.m.
- Sta. Teresita Church, Kamias, Quezon City ..... 7:00 a.m.
- San Domingo Church, Quezon Avenue, Quezon City ..... 7:45 a.m.
- National Shrine of the Sacred Heart, San Antonio Village, Makati City ..... 7:30 a.m.
- St. John Paul Mariwasa Parish, Marcos Highway, Antipolo City ..... 7:30 a.m.
- Parish of St. James the Great, Ayala Alabang, Muntinlupa City ..... 8:00 a.m.
- San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila ..... 8:00 a.m.
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Antipolo Cathedral, Antipolo City ..... 8:00 a.m.
- Santuario De San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati City ..... 10:00 a.m.
- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Chapel, Cardinal Santos Medical Center, Greenhills West, San Juan ..... 12:00 p.m.
- Chapel of St. Thomas More, Ateneo Rockwell, Makati City ..... 12:15 p.m.
- Santuario De San Jose, (Holy Family Chapel), Greenhills, Mandaluyong City ..... 12:15 p.m.
- Santa Maria de Pilar Parish, Antipolo City ..... 6:00 p.m.
- Nina Basilica of the Black Nazarene, Quiapo, Manila ..... 6:00 p.m.
- St. Thomas of the Child Jesus, Marcos Highway, Brgy. Mayamot, Antipolo City ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Sta. Maria de La Strada Parish, Antipolan Road, Quezon City ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Blessed Sacrament Father's Brother, Sta. Cruz Church, Manila ..... 6:00 p.m.
- Shrine of Mary, Queen of Peace (Our Lady of EDSA), Shaw cor. Ortigas Avenue, Quezon City ..... 6:30 p.m.
- St. Andrew the Apostle Parish, Bel-Air 3, Makati City ..... 6:30 p.m.
- Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Shrine, New Manila, Quezon City ..... 7:00 p.m.
- St. John Bosco Church, Ninoy Ave. cor. Aniceto St., Manila City ..... 7:00 p.m.
- Pro-Cathedral De Sto. Niño De Tay - Greenhill Chapel, Aguia Center, Makati City ..... 7:30 p.m.
- San Agustin Church, Greenmeadows Village, Makati City ..... 8:00 a.m.
- St. Antonio Embarcadero, St. Susana Parish, Ayala Alabang Village, Muntinlupa City ..... 8:00 p.m.

The Family requests relatives, friends and pious readers to please remember him in their prayers.

"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."
2 Timothy 4

Lt. Col. BELEN ROQUE ALANZALON MSSA PNAR
Retired Commissioner, Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor (PCUP)

is now reunited with our Lord, God and Creator on July 26, 2012.
The remains lie at ARNOLD'S ARENA, Quezon City. Burial: Arcadia Park Memorial.

Interment will be on July 31, 2012, 10:00 a.m. at Manila Memorial Park - Sucat, Parañaque after the 9:00 a.m. funeral service.

I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.
— John 14:6

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BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE (BAC)

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites prospective suppliers to apply for accreditation and to bid for the following project:

Item of the Project	Supply and Delivery of Various Equipment for the DTI-Bicol Regional Office
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	Php1,500,000.00
Delivery/Completion Period	Within Ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of Notice to Proceed

Bidders should have completed, within three (3) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a similar contract/catering at least fifty percent (50%) of the project. The description of an eligible bidder is contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section II. Instructions to Bidders.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using a non-discretionary "pass/fail" criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

The complete schedule of activities is listed as follows:

Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	Starting July 30, 2012 (8:00 AM) until July 31, 2012 (5:00 PM) at the Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat, 3rd Floor, DTI-Bicol Regional Center, Rawis, Legazpi City
2. Pre-bid Conference	On August 02, 2012 (10:00 AM) at the DTI-Bicol Regional Center Conference Room, 3rd Floor, DTI-Bicol Regional Center Building, DTI Rawis Complex, Rawis, Legazpi City
3. Submission & Opening of Bids	On August 10, 2012 (10:00 AM) at the DTI-Bicol Regional Center Conference Room, 3rd Floor, DTI-Bicol Regional Center Building, DTI Rawis Complex, Rawis, Legazpi City

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to RA 5183 and subject to Commonwealth Act 138.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested bidders from the above-mentioned address upon payment of a non – refundable fee in the amount of Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,000.00).

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS), and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that bidders shall pay the non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The DTI reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

Mark V. Valenzuela
Bids and Awards Committee Secretariat
Department of Trade and Industry
3/F DTI-Bicol Regional Center
Rawis, Legazpi City
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(PDI – July 22, 2012)

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(National Irrigation Administration)
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INVITATION TO BID

The National Irrigation Administration through the Irwin CY2012 Allocations intends to apply the Sum of **Eighteen Million Five Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Pesos and 00/100 Only (P 18,547,000.00)** being the total amount of the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) in payment for the hand-in-hand contract below with corresponding Information. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at the opening.

The National Irrigation Administration now invites bids for the project of Bongao Pilapil Pilapil Irrigation Project (completed), within ten (10) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, a contract similar to the Project. The requirement is an eligible contractor as contained in the Bidding Documents, particularly in Section 5, as implemented in Section 23.4.2 of the Revised Procedures Manual.

PROJECT CONTRACT NO.	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK	APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT	DURATION
Irrigation Area Rehabilitation (1)	Improvement of Irrigation Facilities	P 9,273,500.00	90 CD
Irrigation Area Rehabilitation (2)	Improvement of Irrigation Facilities	P 9,273,500.00	90 CD

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criterion as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act".

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorship, partnerships, or organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) citizens or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.

Bid Installation copies applies the Irrigation Area Contract and comply with at least 50% physical accomplishment in the ongoing works contracted works.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the National Irrigation Administration, Bongao Regional Office, Bongao, Bataan City and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday (working days only).

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Interested Bidders from July 29, 2012 to August 7, 2012 from the address given below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of Fifteen Thousand Pesos Only (P 15,000.00). However, interested bidders must submit their a cutter of letter together with the Eligibility documents for evaluation. Only prequalified bidders and who passed the pre-qualification criteria are allowed to purchase the Documents.

The National Irrigation Administration will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on August 6, 2012 at the National Irrigation Administration, Bongao Regional Office, Conference Room, Bataan, Bataan City at 10:00 AM which shall be open to all interested parties whose purpose is to clarify the Bidding Documents and to remove any bidding contracts with that will have more than 50% physical accomplishment.

Bids must be delivered on or before August 20, 2012 at the National Irrigation Administration, Bongao Regional Office, Conference Room, Bataan, Bataan City at 10:00 AM. All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in the form of Cash or Manager's Check duly issued by a universal or commercial bank and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18.

Bids will be opened in the presence of the bidder's representatives who choose to attend at National Irrigation Administration, Bongao Regional Office, Conference Room, Bataan, Bataan City. Late bids shall not be accepted.

The National Irrigation Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul or to reinstate the bidding process, and to reject all bids should it pose to contract awards, without thereby incurring any liability to affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

MARIANITO P. GARCITO
Acting BAC Chairman
National Irrigation Administration
Regional Office
Bongao, Bataan City
Tel. No. 343-5840

(Sgd.) MARIANITO P. GARCITO
Acting BAC Chairman

Noted:

(Sgd.) **ROBERTO G. ARBOLEDA**
Regional Manager

Republic of the Philippines
KAGAWARAN NG KATARUNGAN
Department of Justice
Manila

INVITATION TO BID

The Department of Justice (DOJ), through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), is inviting interested parties to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project	: Purchase of Internet Connection for Luzon
Location	: Department of Justice
Approved Budget for the Contract	: P 3,000,000.00

The prospective bidder must have an experience of having completed within a period of two (2) years from the date of submission and receipt of bids, at least one (1) contract that is similar to the contract to be bid, and whose value, adjusted to current prices using the NSO consumer price indices, must be at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC to be bid.

The Department is reserving as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All participants relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 9184 dated 22 September 2009.

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

ACTIVITIES	SCHEDULE
Issuance of Bidding Documents	27 July 2012 - 10 August 2012
Pre-Bid Conference	03 August 2012
Opening of Bids	10 August 2012
Evaluation of Bids	17 August 2012
Post-Qualification	24 August 2012
Bid Evaluation Report	31 August 2012
Notice of Award	03 September 2012

Bid Documents and additional information may be obtained from the BAC Secretariat, Office of Director II, Administrative Services, 3rd Floor, DOJ Annex Building II, DOJ Compound, Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila.

All bids to be submitted shall be addressed to the Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee, Room 312, 3rd Floor, DOJ Main Building, Padre Faura Street, Ermita, Manila. All prospective bidders shall be charged a non-refundable bid fee in the amount of **SIX THOUSAND PESOS (P 6,000.00)**.

The Department of Justice reserves the right to reject any of all bids, if found any defect in the bid and accepts the offer most advantageous to the government and assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

26 July 2012

(Sgd.) **RICARDO V. PARAS III**
Chief State Counsel
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

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FINAL NOTICE TO ALL APPLICANTS

Subject: Full Compliance with the PRA Requirements of Administrative Order (A.O.) Nos. 2007-1 and 2008-1 for Special Registration and Titling of Unconstitutionally Reclaimed Lands

The Philippine Reclamation Authority (PRA)/Public Estates Authority (PEA) is hereby notifying all Applicants who have not completed/fully complied with the PRA requirements under the above PRA Administrative Orders to fully comply with the said requirements within thirty (30) calendar days from the date of this publication. These applicants include the following:

(1) All those who filed applications with the PRA for special registration of illegally reclaimed lands under PRA A.O. No. 2007-1 on or before February 28, 2007;

(2) All those who filed applications with the PRA for titling under PRA A.O. No. 2008-1 through PRA of illegal reclamations that were constructible going prior to effectivity of Rule 21 on December 1, 2008.

Failure to fully comply with the said requirements within the prescribed period shall constrain PRA to suspend its actions on and drop the applications such that any amounts already paid for fees shall be forfeited without need of indemnification and the subject reclaimed lands shall be submitted to the DENR for forfeiture pursuant to existing laws, rules and regulations.

For strict compliance.

(Sgd.) **PETER ANTHONY S. ABOITIZ**
General Manager and CEO

Noted:

(Sgd.) Hon. **ROBERTO T. MALCONIS**
Chairman of the Board

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that **MARIA ANA C. MARRICO** whose picture appears above is no longer connected with **MARED Rubber and Marketing Corporation** since May 14, 2012. Any transactions made with her on behalf of **MARED Rubber and Marketing Corporation** after said date will not be honored by **MARED Rubber and Marketing Corporation.**

#PA—July 29, 2012

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

SUSANA D. GONZALES

The above-mentioned person is no longer connected with Century Properties Inc.

Warrant of Arrest has been issued by the Regional Trial Court of Makati City, Branch 133 against the above-mentioned person.

Any information about her and her whereabouts can be relayed at 892-7555555.

#PA—July 29, 2012

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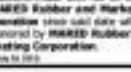

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On The Road to Healing and Recovering: A Spiritual Journey.
The ALGON Experience - by Msgr. Manuel G. Gabriel

I have accompanied ALGON's mission of healing and recovery from the monster of its assumption and birth, through its growing years and maturation. I have witnessed how trial and trial, pained and wounded pilgrims have trodden ALGON's path of renewal and transformation. And in all this, I have been inspired by ALGON's mission efforts to reach out to those always asking for and searching questions: in what ways can we continue giving relevant, effective and long lasting assistance to people trapped in every form of addictive and mentally distressed behavior.

Algon has personal and personal through all these years became of basic worldviews that runs through the management of its services, from the administration to the caseload application and a holistic, pastoral care of every recovering person, from programs/delivery to the development of new service. And this is the worldview that the spirit of the Lord is the ultimate source of energy and life, of healing and transformation, of recovery and integration. Algon is an institution true on the conviction that in as much as it wants in the Spirit's empowerment to proclaim God's reign of justice and peace throughout the ending of term and women who have been broken by the varied circumstances of life, it must continue drawn to the best potential in effect in them. Indeed, spiritual accompaniment is an apt description of Algon's mission and path of healing and recovery.

Msgr. Gabriel Manuel has years in spirituality. Indeed Algon's program is multidimensional and holistic. Fr. Richard T. Ryan provided Algon with the recipe for biological, psychological and sociological aspects for their individual treatment plan and care management while Msgr. Manuel G. Gabriel inspired Algon with the "spiritual" context, coming to terms with oneself, family, friends and community and transcending beyond materiality towards spirituality. No recovery is holistic or complete without the spiritual. Fr. Antonio Castillo's retreats and recollections are very useful as a tool. Algon provides the following spiritual services for its residents and outpatient guests: Self- Directed Renewal Programs for the Youth and Adults conceptualize by Msgr. Manuel Gabriel. Algon offers a one day to 3 months and a half self-direction renewal program for the youth specifically for high school students and professionals. Drawing their learning from helping people affected with various forms of addiction and mental disability. The One Algon Place Foundation Inc. has received a program that seeks to equip any person with a love to discover God's plan for each one, identify the blocks or possible addiction that they could develop within themselves and experience appreciation of their inner worth, life's patience and good setting. Using retreat format design, the program provides the student with opportunities for reflecting inner self and encouraging and sharing with their co-participants for mutual support. Algon offers excellent facilitators to assist, the young students and professionals rediscovering God's plan for their lives.

Psychiatric friends and interested parties may contact Rudie to Call at 8274XXXX / 8401XXXX Globe: 0917XXXXXX / 0917XXXXXX Sun: 0922XXXXXX or email algonhope@hotmail.com not later than Saturday, July 28, 2012 on the Dedication of the Br. Bellarmine Ryan Building at One Algon Place Foundation Bldg. Montalan Calbayan, Laguna on August 4, 2012 (www.msgrgabriel.com.ph)

First Laguna Electric Cooperative, Inc.
Lumban, Laguna
Tel. Nos. (049) 541-1459 Telefax: (049) 541-1459
E-mail Address: flecs_1979@yahoo.com

INVITATION TO BID

The First Laguna Electric Cooperative, Inc., with office address at Brgy. Lewin, Lumban, Laguna, invites all qualified contractors to bid for the following materials requirements intended for various projects:

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT
Regional Office No. IV-A
3F Insurance Bldg. E. Rod. Panlao, Calamba City
Trunk Line: (049) 545-1253
July 25, 2013

NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR ALIEN EMPLOYMENT PERMIT (AEP)

Notice is hereby given that the following companies/employers have filed with this Regional Office applications for Alien Employment Permits:

	Name and address of Company/Employer	Name and Citizenship of Foreign National	Position and Brief Description of Functions
1.	**AZTEC POWER PHILIPPINES, INC.** Laguna Technopark, Binan, Laguna	**Mr. Asok Kumar Sir** / **Brahmani** Malaysian	Director for Operations
2.	**THE MEADOW ACADEMY, INC.** Cecilia Arambulo Subdv., Biñan, Laguna	**Mr. Paul Edwin Dallas** / American	Administrator
3.	**THE MEADOW ACADEMY, INC.** Cecilia Arambulo Subdv., Biñan, Laguna	**Mr. Phillip Taft Hibbins** / American	Administrator
4.	**NAGASE PHILIPPINES INTERNATIONAL SERVICES CORP.** Laguna Technopark, Biñan, Laguna	**Mr. Hiroki Iwata** / Japanese	Sales Account Executive
5.	**HOUSE RESEARCH K. K. PHILIPPINES INC. (HR-PI)** CEZ, Rosario, Cavite	**Mr. Yutaka Hiroaki** / Japanese	Advisor – R & D Interior
6.	**TAKENAKA INFORMATION EQUIPMENT (PHILS.), INC.** CIP II, Canlubang, Calamba City, Laguna	**Mr. Isao Hariu** / Japanese	Executive Vice President and General Manager
7.	**TAKENAKA INFORMATION EQUIPMENT (PHILS.), INC.** CIP II, Canlubang, Calamba City, Laguna	**Mr. Naoki Yamane** / Japanese	Vice President – Production Engineering
8.	**SUMITOMO, INC.** CEZ, Rosario, Cavite	**Ms. Rieko Tadaki** / Japanese	Office Advisor
9.	**J.S.T PHILIPPINES, INC.** CEZ, Rosario, Cavite	**Ms. Nhenil Tiau** / Korean	Vice President
10.	**SUMITOMO HEAVY INDUSTRIAL CORP.** CEZ, Rosario, Cavite	**Mr. Yoshinori Higashi** / Japanese	Sales Manager
11.	**DAE SHIN HAN TECH CORPORATION** Pitkin, Rosario, Cavite	**Mr. Sangyong Cho (with a/ Wife)** / Korean	GC Manager
12.	**NIHEI PHILIPPINES CORPORATION** Laguna Technopark, Biñan, Laguna	**Mr. Atsushi Hatai** / Japanese	Manager – Engineering Division
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14.	**RECKITT, OVERSEAS CORPORATION** Ibayo, Batangas	**Mr. Gurudipan Bhuvanagari** / British	Project Controls Manager
15.	**RECKITT, OVERSEAS CORPORATION** Ibayo, Batangas	**Mr. William Ryan Fredericksen** / American	IT Lead
16.	**TREA FIELD INTERNATIONAL POWER ENGINEERING, INC.** Laguna	**Mr. Zhiqiang Fan** / Chinese	Project Manager

If you have any information/objection to the above-mentioned application, please communicate with the Regional Director.

ALEX V. AVILA, CESO III
DOLE – Regional Director

In case of the job ordering, placement, and employment guidance services, visit the nearest Public Employment Service Offices (PESO) or log on at www.phil-job.net.

PIA – July 29, 2013

MAGELLAN COGENERATION INC.

July 27, 2013

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Please be informed that the Regional Trial Court, Branch 31, Imus, Cavite, in the exercise of its jurisdiction as the Cadiz Island Sub-Station, Cadiz City, Negros Occidental, in the proceedings of the liquidating assets of Magellan Cogeneration, Inc. ("MCI") to be available.

If you are a registered creditor of MCI, you may file your claim with the undersigned Trust, **August 30, 2013 to September 02, 2013** between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. upon presentation of the following supporting documents:

- Certified true copy of valid business permit;
- BIR Issued Authorization/Receipt duly filled with the Documents and Tax Receipt Considered;
- Original signed board resolution authorizing your representative to receive payment and if person is authorized, Affidavit and Guarantee in favor of MCI, with specimen signature;
- Two valid government issued photographic IDs with specimen signature of authorized representative (Driver's License, Passport).

You will receive a controlled notice to file your claim from the undersigned Trustee via the post stated, please bring the original signed notice for verification purposes.

For inquiries, please contact Ms. Bernadette B. Mendigoren at the office of the MCI Trustee, Unit 1202, 3rd Floor, LBI Bonifacio Plaza, 316 Gil Puyat Avenue Extension, Makati City, telephone number 897-5700 loc. 1202.

Atty. LAURIE D. MERCADO
Assignee

PIA – July 29 & Aug. 5, 2013

PAMPANGA I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.

SAN DOMINGO, MEXICO, PAMPANGA
Tel. Nos. (045) 455-0123 / 913-0123
Fax No. (045) 455-0123
E-mail: pamelectric@yahoo.com.ph

July 27, 2013

INVITATION TO BID

Pursuant to Letter of Intent No. 2013-07-0001 of the Board of Directors, PAMPANGA I ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC. (PELCO I) invites bids for the supply and delivery of the following:

2013 3rd Quarter Electrical Materials

Bidders must submit their Sealed Proposals for the aforementioned Component Kinds / Lots/ PS Supplies Material Requirement Summary to Pelco I, address and bid registration or bid registration. Designated copies of the Invitation to Bid (ITB) are available at:

Department of Procurement and Contracts	July 29 and 31, 2013
Bids Documents are available for	August 1-2, 2013
Pre-Bid Conference	August 1, 2013 at 2PM
Deadline for Bid Submission	August 2-5, 2013 at 2PM

Bid documents are not refundable and cost P2,000.00 to P5,000.00. Bidders are to be responsible for submitting their corresponding bids on PELCO I's Bids Office, the Technical Specifications, Terms and Conditions of Bid Documents, and other requirements. Pelco I reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids including irregularities to adequately without stating any reason to the bid, issuing personal contract and maintenance of the PELCO I's Procurement Bids Committee Board.

Signed: **ENGR. OSVALDO E. ALANO**
BAC Chairperson

PIA – June 29, 2013

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Agrarian Reform

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR BIKOLAND SUSTAINABLE AGRARIAN AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (BIKOLAND) CONSULTING SERVICES

The Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) has obtained financing from the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing for the implementation of the "**Bikoland Sustainable Agrarian and Agriculture Development Project**" (BIKOLAND), and it intends to procure the services for the following consulting services:

CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE PREPARATION OF THE BIKOLAND SUSTAINABLE AGRARIAN AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (BIKOLAND)

The DAR now calls for the submission of eligible documents for consulting services in the implementation of BIKOLAND. The Project will provide Agriculture Infrastructure and Agro-Industry Development to include communication roads, Bridges, Irrigation and Flood Control Facilities, Rural Water Supply Development, Livelihood Development and Project Management Activities and settlement areas in Regions V (Areas in Camarines Norte and Albay), VI (Capiz), VII (Areas in Cebu and Bohol), VIII (Eastern Samar, Biliran and Leyte), IX (Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga Sibugay), X (Misamis Oriental and Bukidnon), XI (Davao del Sur and Davao Oriental) and XII (Areas in Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat). The International Consultants are invited to indicate their interest in providing their eligible for which covers, among others: **"CONSULTANCY REVIEW AND APPLICATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SAFEGUARDS FOR THE BIKOLAND SUSTAINABLE AGRARIAN AND AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (BIKOLAND)"** commencing activities on later than August 17, 2013.

DAR Secretariat
Ground Floor, DAR Main Office,
Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City

The details of the consulting services are:

Estimated Budget for the Contract (ABC)	Indicated Manpower
Contract Duration	Mode of Procurement
	Mode of Selection

The survey provider should have satisfactory experience in the fields of planning, feasibility studies and detailed designs including review of projects of similar construction supervision for infrastructure, institutional development, agriculture, agri-business and agro-forestry development. The Consultant must also possess the following capabilities and the Philippines and experienced with Japanese ODA projects guidelines:

Application for eligibility and short-listed Bidders is a non-discriminatory "qualified" criterion.

The DAR shall draw up the short list of experts providers from those who have submitted their Expressions of Interest (EOI) and who have been found to be eligible in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act (RA) No. 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Act, and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The short-list shall comprise six (6) qualified, eligible consultants. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the DAR and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below during office hours from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

1. Total Area to be Serviced under the BCU: Areas classified as urban, consisting of barangays should form the total coverage.
2. Capacity building to Local Government (LGU) unit.
3. Training Facilities.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pre-qualified criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.

Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least seventy five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.

Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC and examine Committee of Infrastructure Administration and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (except Holidays) starting on **July 30, 2013** until **September 03, 2013**.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for Bidding Documents in the amount of **Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00)**.

It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that bidders shall pay the fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.

The Infrastructure Administration will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **August 13, 2013, 1:00 p.m.** at the Infrastructure Administration Conference Room located at the 5th Floor Filipinas Syncrotherapy Building, Makati Cinema Square, Makati City, Metro Manila, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.

Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **September 03, 2013, 1:00 p.m.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18. Late bids shall not be accepted.

Bids will be opened on **September 03, 2013, 2:00 p.m.** at the Infrastructure Administration Conference Room located at the 5th Floor Filipinas Syncrotherapy Building, Makati Cinema Square, Makati City, Metro Manila, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.

The Infrastructure Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

For further information, please refer to:

Ms. SHIELYN M. CADIAZ
Secretariat, Bids and Awards Committee
Infrastructure Administration
5th Floor Filipinas Syncrotherapy Building
Ground Land Street corner K. Solano Avenue
Intramuros, Manila
Telephone Number: (02) 7-DOLE-ma (37-7-653)
Facsimile Number: 527-3168

(Sgd.) **SANDRA B. MARTINEZ**
Chairman
Bids and Awards Committee

NOTED BY:

(Sgd.) **ADELA A. CAPISTRANO, Jr.**
Administrator

PIA – July 29, 2013

Invitation to Bid for Construction of Museo de Intramuros (Phase I)

1. The Intramuros Administration, through financial assistance from the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) intends to apply the sum covered by **THE 60 MILLION PESOS (P60,000,000.00) ONLY, THREE HUNDRED SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THREE PESOS AND SIXTY FIVE CENTAVOS (P 36,653,650.65)** being the approved Budget for the contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for CONSTRUCTION OF MUSEO DE INTRAMUROS (PHASE I), with Project Reference No. 2013-01 (Invitation) / access to this bid/s shall be automatically rejected at bid opening.
2. The Intramuros Administration now invites bids for the **construction of Museo de Intramuros (Phase I)**. The contract for the construction of the San Ignacio Church from the existing base, including other finishing, general floor and bathrooms. The scope of work shall be completed within the contract duration specified in the Bidding Documents. Bidders should have completed, within the period specified in the Bidding Documents, similar contracts and must meet the following requirements:
   - Bidders will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pre-qualified criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.
   - Bidding is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, partnerships, or organizations with at least seventy five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines.
3. Interested bidders may obtain further information from the BAC and examine Committee of Infrastructure Administration and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday to Friday (except Holidays) starting on **July 30, 2013** until **September 03, 2013**.
4. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee for the Bidding Documents in the amount of **Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00)**.

   It may also be downloaded free of charge from the website of the Philippine Government Electronic Procurement System (PhilGEPS) and the website of the Procuring Entity, provided that bidders shall pay the fee for the Bidding Documents not later than the submission of their bids.
5. The Intramuros Administration will hold a Pre-Bid Conference on **August 13, 2013, 1:00 p.m.** at the Infrastructure Administration Conference Room located at the 5th Floor Filipinas Syncrotherapy Building, Makati Cinema Square, Makati City, Metro Manila, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **September 03, 2013, 1:00 p.m.** All bids must be accompanied by a bid security in any of the acceptable forms and in the amount stated in ITB Clause 18. Late bids shall not be accepted.

   Bids will be opened on **September 03, 2013, 2:00 p.m.** at the Infrastructure Administration Conference Room located at the 5th Floor Filipinas Syncrotherapy Building, Makati Cinema Square, Makati City, Metro Manila, which shall be open only to all interested parties who have purchased the Bidding Documents.
7. The Intramuros Administration reserves the right to accept or reject any bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
8. For further information, please refer to:

   Ms. SHIELYN M. CADIAZ
   Secretariat, Bids and Awards Committee
   Infrastructure Administration
   5th Floor Filipinas Syncrotherapy Building
   Ground Land Street corner K. Solano Avenue
   Intramuros, Manila
   Telephone Number: (02) 7-DOLE-ma (37-7-653)
   Facsimile Number: 527-3168

   (Sgd.) **SANDRA B. MARTINEZ**
   Chairman
   Bids and Awards Committee

NOTED BY:

(Sgd.) **ADELA A. CAPISTRANO, Jr.**
Administrator

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Field Area Draft Transformation II
Bureau of Management of Public Affairs
Pampanga

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

FOR CONSULTING SERVICES - ROLLOUT OF INTEGRITY DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE (IDI) IN THE AUDM

1. The Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), through the Bureau of Management of Public Affairs, invites qualified consulting organizations interested to apply this call of **Twenty Two Million Pesos Only (Six Hundred Budget)** for the implementation of the **Integrity Development Initiative (IDI)** project.
2. The DILG now calls for the submission of Letter of Intent (LOI) / Expressions of Interest from accredited **Filipino** bidders to apply the eligibility and short listing for consulting services. Interested **Filipino Consulting Firms** must submit their LOIs from **August 2, 2013 to August 9, 2013 personally at the DILG Secretariat Office, 2nd Floor La Fuente Commercial Building in CSEA corner Magsaysay St., Diliman, Quezon City** and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom upon payment of a non-refundable amount of **Php2,000.00** (Two Thousand Pesos Only). Eligibility Documents may also be downloaded from the DILG Online Site. Duly accomplished Eligibility Documents must be submitted to the DILG Secretariat Office, 2nd Floor, La Fuente Commercial Building, **DILG corner Magsaysay St., Diliman, Quezon City** only those that are short listed will be notified to submit bids.
3. The short listed shall base on the short list of **Consulting Firms** from those who have submitted (LOIs) / expressions of interest and have been determined as eligible both in accordance with the provisions of Republic Act 9184 (RA 9184) and its implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of 2009. The short list of prospective bidders shall consist of **three (3) Consulting Firms**. The selection for short listing shall be based on the following criteria:
   a. Applicable experience of the firm;
   b. Key staff capacity;
   c. Qualifications of the personnel.
4. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the RA 9184 of 2009 and in accordance with the provisions of RA 9184, otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act.
5. The contract shall be completed within six months.
6. The DILG reserves the right to reject any and all bids, annul the bidding process, or not award this contract at any time prior to contract award without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.
7. Interested consultants may contact further information from:

   Ms. Rosario L. Velasco
   DILG Bac-BAC Secretariat Office
   2nd Floor, La Fuente Commercial Condominium II, CSEA corner Magsaysay St., Diliman, Quezon City Tele: 0-00 Loc. to 4 Office in.
   Tel No.: 925-0-00 / 925-25-45

Approved by:

(Sgd.) **ATTY. ROLANDO M. ACERO**
Chief, Bids and Awards Committee

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that MRS. MARIA DANIZ, Member of the Board of Directors, has resigned from TECHNOMAR CREW MANAGEMENT CORPORATION effective May 17, 2013.

In view of such resignation, MS. MARIA REGINA P. GALLETO has been elected as the new Member of the Board of Directors-Corporate Secretary.

This notice is in compliance with Section 12, Part VI, Rule II of the revised POEA Rules and Regulations.

PIA – July 29, 2013

World Health Organization
Western Pacific Region

Invitation for Expression of Interest

Title: Development of the Kalusugang Pangkabataan/Universal Health Care Dashboard

Short description: The technical assistance will include:

- Reviewing the current indicators used for monitoring IUP implementation, assessing how are measuring what they are intended to measure. The indicators will also have to be aligned with the DOC Strategic Thrusts of (1) financial risk protection through expansion to NHIP enrollment and benefit delivery; (2) improved access to quality hospitals and health care facilities; and (3) assessment of health-related MDGs.
- Developing an overall IUP Dashboard monitoring system, including identifying a set of refined performance indicators, designing a IUP Dashboard presentation format, and designing the information systems and technology that will link the IUP Dashboard to the existing information systems of DOH and PhilHealth.

Desired Qualification of Technical Assistance Provider:

The TA provider (preferably a firm) should have at least three members in the team with the following qualifications:

Health Systems Monitoring Expert
- In-depth knowledge and experience working with health systems and universal health care monitoring and evaluation
- Have a Master's Degree or studies relevant to sound initiatives in the specific objectives
- Demonstrable strong analytical capabilities, ability to think strategically and make recommendations in a clear practical manner.
- A record of having performed similar consultancies.

Health Financing Expert
- In-depth knowledge and experience in the health financing and universal health coverage
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Information Systems Expert
- In-depth knowledge and experience in information systems
- Experience working with health sector reforms and health information systems is an advantage
- Demonstrable strong analytical capabilities, ability to think strategically and make recommendations in a clear practical manner.
- A record of having performed similar consultancies.

Deadline of expression of interest to the aforementioned activities: **no later than 06 August 2012**

Please submit your expression of interest/proposal with accompanying company profile and CVs and photocopy of SEC, BIR registration and latest Financial Statements c/o Sonia G. Mc Lauchlan Narvaez at **sglauchlan@wpro.who.int** and cc to Mr. Chris Delmonte at **delmontec@wpro.who.int**

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Call for Expression of Interest

Project Organizer for the National Training on Basic Vector Surveillance and Communication for Safhadorsi Impact for Dengue Prevention and Control

For the past years, dengue remains to be one of the public health problems in the Philippines. The Department of Health, with the assistance of different partners and stakeholders, have implemented various strategies for its prevention and control. Intense social reduction which is a major battle cry of the national dengue program was seen as more effective if this approach was coupled by a strengthened communication campaign. Seeing the importance of implementing these complementary approaches, the National Dengue Prevention and Control Program under the Infectious Disease Office of the Department of Health requested the WHO Country Office for assistance in capacitating their regional health staff on vector surveillance and/or communications strategies.

In line with this, WHO Philippines is looking for a project organizer to manage administrative, logistical and financial management needs of the implementing sites.

Short description of work:

i) coordinates with NPHE Country Office, DOH-EID and with the technical consultant/s for the necessary administrative and logistical needs of the training;
ii) assists in sending official communications to the respective offices of the participants;
iii) provides administrative support to activities including arranging travel bookings of the training participants, hotel accommodations, procurement and preparation of training materials;
iv) ensures full documentation of the training;
v) prepares financial report at the end of the activity; and
vi) secures that fund administration follows WHO guidelines.

Qualifications:

The firm should have (1) relevant experience in management of projects and activities, (2) a good financial standing and (3) competent staff to handle the required tasks and deliver required outputs on time.

Timelines: August-September 2012

Please submit your Expression of Interest (EOI) together with your organizational profile, photocopies of SEC/DTI registration and latest financial statement to Ms Agnes F. Aguinaldo at **aguinaldoa@wpro.who.int** on or before 06 August 2012. Please address your EOI to:

Dr Socorro Escalon
WHO Representative
Office of the WHO Representative of the Philippines
Ground Floor, Building 7
Department of Health
San Lazaro Hospital Compound, Sta Cruz
Manila, Philippines

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Call for Expression of Interest

Project Organizer for COMM Implementation in Region III

Over the past years, the Department of Health with the assistance of different partners and stakeholders have implemented various strategies for the prevention and control of dengue. However, despite all the combined efforts, the dengue control programme can only be successful if this is coupled with sustained commitment and cooperation from both the local implementers and the community. WHO believes that effective communication has an important contribution in mobilizing the local community. In 2011, a number of health staff working for dengue prevention and control programmes from the Eastern region was trained on Communication for Behavioural Impact (COMBI). Through this activity, the participants learned how to integrate communication plans in their planned activities.

This year, WHO Philippines will be providing support to governments in the Eastern region that are ready to implement their COMBI plans in their respective sites. In line with this, WHO Philippines is looking for a project organizer to manage administrative, logistical and financial management needs of the implementing sites.

Scope of Work:

(1) serves as project organizer, disbursing and accounting for fund releases and usage;
(2) provides administrative assistance to the implementing sites;
(3) provides assistance in procurement of logistical needs; and
(4) documents the COMBI implementation by regularly collecting reports from the RHUs and conducting monitoring visits.

Qualifications:

The firm should have (1) relevant experience in management of projects and activities, (2) a good financial standing and (3) competent staff to handle the required tasks and deliver required outputs on time.

Target dates for implementation: Aug 2012 and onwards

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Call for Expression of Interest

Reaching the Urban Poor (RUP) Initiative for Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH) and Tuberculosis

The World Health Organization, in partnership with the Department of Health will be implementing the second phase of the **Reaching the Urban Poor (RUP) Initiative for Maternal and Neonatal Health (MNH) and Tuberculosis** in seven (7) cities in the National Capital Region, namely: **Caloocan, Makati, Malabon, Navotas, Pasay, Taguig** and **Quezon City** and the cities of Tacloban in Region VIII and **General Santos City** in Region XII. Expressions of interest are called for civil society/ Non Government Organizations, to partner with the local government units of this said city to implement the RUP initiative.

Objectives of the RUP Initiative:

The main goal of the RUP initiative is to improve access and utilization of health services particularly MNCHN among urban poor communities in the nine cities. In addition, it has also its MDG – **Quezon City** and **Taguig** will also have emphasis/aims to increase case finding and treatment completion rates for TB.

Specifically, the RUP initiative aims to:

- organize and mobilize communities to increase demand for health services and increase utilization of MNCHN (and TB in the two cited services among the urban poor;
- enhance local health systems and make them more responsive to the MNCH (and TB in the two cited) needs of the urban poor; and
- support the Universal Health Care/Kalusugang Pangkalahatan initiatives, including but not limited to the PPP approach, Philhealth benefit utilization among KPs beneficiaries and others, accreditation of health facilities (Maternal Care Package "BEMONC and Outpatient Benefit in OPB package), Financial Management Review in GHs, etc.

Qualifications:

Firm, with at least 3 years experience (as a firm and its field implementers) in participatory community health development work, and partnership with LGU's with a functional financial and personnel management system, BIR registered, Good track record and/or active "presence" in the cities/ RUP cities of their choice is preferable. Experience in implementing capability-building interventions for local government units using the health systems approach is desirable.

Please send your **expression of interest** and an before **August 06, 2012** to: Ms. Geri Gonzalez, RUP Technical Coordinator at **gerihgonzalez_ermesa@yahoo.com**. The following are requested:

1. Expressions of interest addressed to:
   Dr. Socorro Escalon
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2. Company profile or resume (with references and contact details), with latest financial statements/s.
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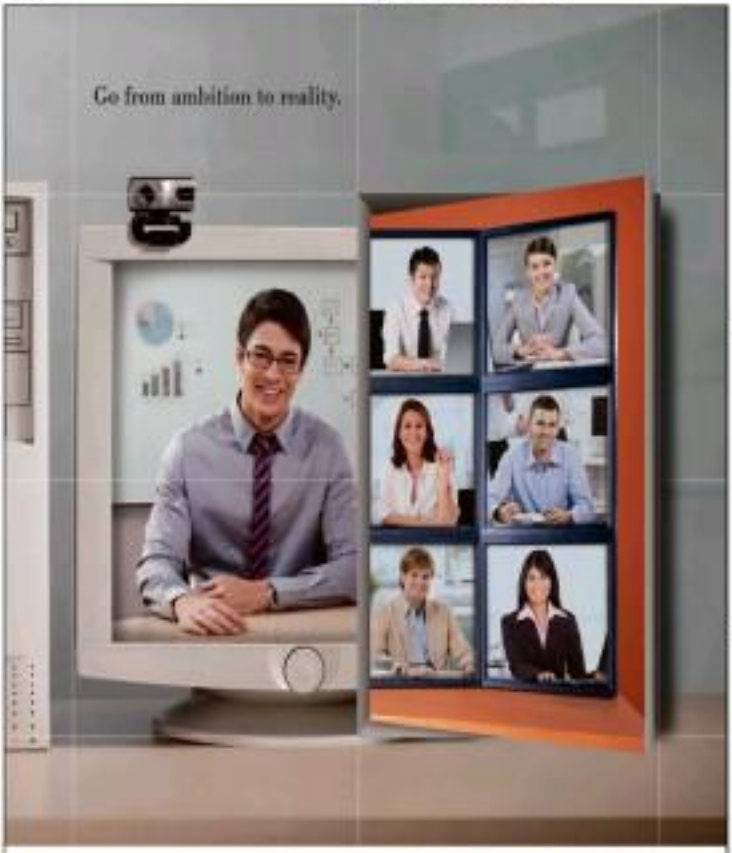

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Participants can choose from among three race categories: 5K, 21K Individual and for the first time ever, the 21K Relay. The new category is designed to inspire 5K and 10K runners to raise their level by taking part in the more challenging 21K race, where a team of 2 runners will run a relay for them to finish the 21K distance.

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Methods & Miles

The phenomenon that is running is taking not just our country but the world by storm. With it comes a keen interest to find the best and most effective running method and technique.

By Patrick Jose

THE HISTORY of running can be traced back to 776 BC. Running was important to members of ancient Greek society. Once again, we are in the renaissance age of running with more and more individuals taking up the sport for a variety of reasons. Whether for fitness, competition, or psychological relaxation, the running revolution has arrived. In Asia alone, for example, big companies like Milo/nu have been regularly organizing region-wide running events that attract thousands of participants. What was once by nature a solitary act is now one of the most common and famous activities where friends, family, and colleagues gather and participate in as a group.

Together with its newfound fame however, is greater debate among running enthusiasts on the subject of running technique. With the release of popular books such as Christopher McDougall's Born to Run, Dr. Nicolas Romanov's Heat Method of Running, and many others, runners all over the world were exposed to different running methods that go much deeper than simply putting one foot in front of the other.

Coaches, athletes, and veteran fitness experts all have their own favorite method which they swear by. For newbie runners, it is very easy to get lost in the jargon and the myriad of opinions currently out there. To simplify things a little, I will be discussing in this article, some of the more popular concepts of running to help not just the beginners, but all types of running enthusiasts ascertain to hopefully a more efficient method of running.

The heel strike method

Since the early 90's, the heel strike method of landing the foot was believed to be the proper way to run. Basically, this is done by landing on the heels before shifting to the mid and balls of the feet in every stride. It was extremely popular because it was believed to be the most efficient and relaxed way of running, using the entirety of the foot in every step and therefore distributing the weight over a wider surface area. While this may still be true, the recent opinion on this method has widely changed. Nowadays, the heel strike is generally taken as bad form. Many experts now believe it causes knee injury.

Methods such as Pose running method and natural running are on the face of the heel strike and have been pushing the forefoot strike of toes and mid-foot strike as natural running method as active inactive. Despite this though, there are still runners that subscribe to the heel strike method, reasoning that the evidence against it is widely exaggerated.

The mid-foot strike method

Mid-foot strike running is gaining more and more popularity with today's runners. Used and popularized by schools of thought such as the Natural running, its proponents believe that it is a safer and better alternative to the heel strike as it delivers less stress on the knees. Specifically landing on the ball of the foot is said to be an excellent technique for longer distance, or those beyond a mile, since your calves are more relaxed preventing the quick onset of muscle cramps. Comfort is the number one attraction of this method of running and is touted as the way most elite long distance runners, such as Haile Gebrselasie, runs.

The forefoot method

The third type is the forefoot method or running on the balls of your feet. This particular technique gained popularity as a result of the supposed dangers of the heel strike. Forefoot running is also the method most naturally used when sprinting. On the flipside however, critics of the forefoot method point out how likely a runner is to get injured when running this way for a prolonged period of time. They argue that the calves are flexed all throughout the run causing it to cramp easily. Furthermore, they point out that landing on the balls of the feet concentrates the entire weight of the person at a singular point, putting too much stress and pressure on the shins.

In the end, no one that all the methods have their own pros and cons. However, there are general principles which are true for all.

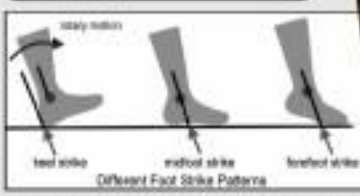
First, almost all experts believe that each person is made up differently. Therefore, what may work for one runner need not necessarily work for another. Second, the way you land your foot is less important than where you land it. Whether it is the foot, mid, or heel that is used, a runner should always be conscious to land his foot under (not with) his body (never in front of) it. If over reaching, or landing the foot too forward in relation to the body, that creates a force to the striker, calves, and even the hips. This is because of the great momentum of the body in relation to the legs that is caused by overreaching. It causes great impact from the ground which is received by the body resulting in a sure recipe for disaster.

Supporting the above principle is the Pose running method, which was developed by Dr. Nicolas Romanov—a Russian scientist and race coach Olympic triathlon coach—both in the 70's. Pose is based on the sciences of physics and laws of gravity where we consciously position our body where we work with gravity and not against it, therefore maximizing the body's potential to perform.

This system can be applied to all athletic activities, its applications to running is the simplest. Under this system, body position/alignment is emphasized. It breaks down the act of running in to (1) Pose, (2) Fall, and (3) Pull - in order to better stress the importance of body weight application, without which, muscle use would be impossible. A student schooled in Pose is more aware of his body position when he runs and what he has to avoid, the common mistakes of over striding, heel striking, and bending from the waists. Certain scientific principles are discussed, and refined such as the Human Kinematology also known as human kinetics, which is the scientific study of human movement. Kinesiology addresses physiological, mechanical, and psychological mechanisms where physics and physiology play a big role.

Dr. Romanov by espousing the Pose Method believes in developing skills that are based on scientifically proven principles. Those skills will be valuable in any runner or athlete, regardless of their running preference.

Patrick Jose is a Pose running coach, triathlon coach. He is a US certified Pose Method instructor and is the man behind the Zamboanga Movement and Strida Manila. He may contact him at 09175277741 and patrickjose@gmail.com



Different Foot Strike Patterns

A MID-FOOT striker, Olympic Gold medalist Haile Gebrselasie www.iaaf.org

> Generally, it is accepted that the heel strike and mid-foot methods are best for long distance runs while the forefoot method is ideal for short runs and sprints.

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IN MANY a man and the days of braving under the sun are done. Unless you're pump hardcore when it comes to the outdoors, running bike rides and night runs have been pretty much par to a scorching hell.

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The Proform 505E (Elevation) Treadmill, on the other hand, is a treadmill that packs a durable 1.6HP motor. Equipped with the latest design innovations, including a new pendulum manual elevation and cross-window LCD monitor, the machine is ideal for serious home walkers and runners.

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Stationary bikes, on the other hand, offer the same intense cardiovascular workout minus the impact. The ProForm PRC 3500 Magnetic Cycle offers the benefits of a recumbent bike ride, all in the comfort of your own home.

Resistance training is as important as cardiovascular workouts. It strengthens and tones muscle groups by lifting weights. The Proform Home Gym Studio 3 packs all the essential gym performance workouts in one weight stack machine.

For those looking for zero-concern, dead exercise methods, new fitness trends that have proven to be efficient are available. The kettlebell, for example, is an unorthodox look. Training through a dynamic workout due to quirky functions, whole body routine. The workout burns the entire body to focus on maximizing the movements of the KB(kettle) which engages multiple muscle groups and builds strength and mobility.

Another revolutionary fitness trend that works well anywhere is the TRX Suspension Training.

All fitness accessories and equipment mentioned above are on sale, get up to 25 percent off at all Toby's Sports outlets nationwide. Promo runs until July 29, 2012. For more information visit any Toby's Sports branches nationwide.

The Fastest Man on no legs

As the first person without intact biological legs to compete in an Olympic running event and the Paralympics, Oscar Pistorius is the athlete to watch at next week's **London Games**. In this exclusive interview with Singapore-based journalist Marie Moñozca, he gives us a peek into his extraordinary life.

By Marie Moñozca
Photos courtesy of Oakley

OSCAR Pistorius oozes confidence, great appeal and good vibes. Despite being a double-amputee he doesn't ask for pity, just respect. He doesn't feel less lucky despite the incredible odds he has faced ever since he was born 23 years ago without a fibula in either of his legs. (The fibula is a long bone that runs between the knee and ankle, beside the tibia.)

At 11 months, his lower legs were amputated and they were cut off just below the knee. At 13 months, he was fitted with prosthesis. At 17 months, he was walking.

Pistorius grew up with full acceptance and not outpouring, even his seemingly unfortunate situations. Others might have thrown in the towel but Pistorius has turned his adversity into an opportunity to prove he could be as competitive as his able-bodied peers. His closest sports copy it all: "You are not disabled by the disabilities you have, you are able by the abilities you have."

Every day, Pistorius wakes up to face challenges that most amputee-bodied people won't even attempt - like to the highest levels of recreational track and field competition. He remains one of the top-ranked able-bodied athletes - before he made the crossover to Paralympics.

"I never saw myself as different as anyone else and I was never treated any differently by my friends and family. I have always had passion and determination to succeed," says the 25-year-old bachelor.

Popularly known as "The Blade Runner" - because he runs with carbon-fiber prosthetic running blades - and the "fastest man on no legs", the moniker are well deserved as Pistorius has won four gold medals at the Paralympics and holds world records for disabled athletes in the 100m, 200m and 400m.

He says: "I am excited but also nervous about the upcoming Olympics as I am aiming to the head my chosen video plus add the gold and a world record in the 4x 100m relay with South Africa. It will not be easy though as there is some fierce competition out there."

Asked where this deep well of extraordinary resilience and optimism comes from, he exclaims: "I think it probably came from my childhood. My mother would treat me and my siblings the same and that instilled the confidence in us to go for what we believed in. I was encouraged as were my sisters and brother, that you can do anything you put your mind to, but you have to do it full-heartedly, there are no shortcuts and if you take something on you give it your all."

He adds: "I'm a fierce competitor. I have many people in my life who inspire me, my grandparents were a great inspiration to me growing up. I have a very supportive management team and great fans and others I compete I can catch them in mind."

Fast and furious

Pistorius grew up in his hometown, Johannesburg, South Africa with an intrinsic passion for sports. His penchant is legs did not stop him from competing in rugby, water polo, tennis, motocross, boxing and wrestling - against able-bodied athletes - before he made the crossover to Paralympics.

"I tried out a lot of different sports and was very passionate and did well in many before I found athletics. I played rugby among a number of sports when I was younger but suffered from a knee injury," says the 23-year-old bachelor.

His premature retirement from rugby proved serendipitous. He recalls: "Part of my rehab was to run on the track and that's where I started in athletics and haven't looked back since."

In 2004, Pistorius took part in his first running session with his mentor coach Ampie Louw, and fell in love with sprinting.

"I started out and before long I was breaking world records. At first I just gone on I have realised that I have been given this talent, my strength is over 400m and I am blessed to be able to perform well across that distance."

Pistorius' life story is indeed inspirational but also controversial too.

Before the Beijing Games in 2008, track and field's governing body - the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) - decreed that use of carbon-fiber upper-leg prosthetics gave amputee runners an unfair advantage over able-bodied athletes. The IAAF then moved to have him banned from the Olympics. Pistorius filed a protest before the Court Arbitration for Sport (CAS), what ensued was a protracted legal battle. He became a cause-celebre in the sporting world - and not surprisingly, the poster-boy for people defying their disabilities.

He explains: "The CAS ruled that I can compete in IAAF sanctioned athletics races wearing the Great 'Cheetah Flex Foot' prosthetics. It has been scientifically proven that I do not have a key advantage in performance over other athletes during the 400m while competing in the prosthetics."

Pistorius proved this as he subjected himself to three weeks of scientific tests in Houston, Texas, USA. "It was important but a difficult time going through the testing in 2007; it was physically exhausting as well and it did set my track in my progression as I narrowly missed qualifying for the 2008 Beijing Olympics where I felt I was quick enough to be able to compete."

It was a disheartening episode to say the least but Pistorius put everything behind him and moved on. "I have put my head down since then, trained incredibly hard, worked with an amazing team, and I was extremely proud to qualify for and to compete for South Africa in the prestigious IAAF World Championships last year, where I reached the 400m semi-final. The IAAF is a world-class governing body for our sport and I am grateful to have the chance to run in their events."

Asked what was a career-defining event for him, Pistorius gives an emphatic answer - "The Beijing Paralympic Games where I won three gold medals was a career highlight for me. I am blessed to be part of a Paralympic movement which is recognising and celebrating athlete performances, not looking at an athlete as having a disability; this will be incredibly evident in London."

Man of many passions

Outside the competitive world of athletics, Pistorius also dabbles in other pursuits.

"I have a great interest and passion in architecture," he shares. "I have started to study it, and after sports I would love to have a career in architecture - it fascinates me. I am very lucky to have been able to travel the world with athletics, and when I get a chance I love to spend time in the local cultures and I have seen some phenomenal architecture over the years in many different places."

He adds: "I also love animals; I have pet dogs - Cypress the Jack Russell, Fiero the ball terrier and Kyle the American pitbull - and two horses which are doing very well right now. I'm pretty much around pet stores and have conducted a couple of photoshoots with chocolate...or rescue animals I feel very comfortable."

Pistorius is also known among his close circle as its own most avid supporter and follows into competitive motocross. "I had a terrible accident in 2009 which really taught me that I needed to take everything more seriously. I had a talent, I can't waste it on silly activities." He lets on, almost deceptively: "I'm still a bit of an adrenaline junkie and love fast cars and bikes, although I'm more careful these days than I will admit so being in the pits! Driving fast is a passion and for the foreseeable future is to not let my talent go to waste and be the very best athlete that I can be."

When he is not training or travelling for competitions, Pistorius loves to spend time with family and friends. "I enjoy the cinema, books and films, I'm also a keen painter and enjoy fab-

OSCAR Pistorius in competition

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> - *Oscar Pistorius*

> *'Being fit and active is so crucial. I would encourage anyone to take up running, or whatever sport they aspire in.'*
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> *-The Blade Runner's advice to couch potatoes out there*

OSCAR PISTORIUS' PERSONAL RECORDS

2004
Takes part in his first sprint session as part of his knee injury rehabilitation. Less than a month later he wins in his first competitive 100m race for Pretoria Boys High School in a time of 11.72s. The existing Paralympic world record was 12.28s.

2005
Finishes sixth in the able-bodied 400m at the South African Championships. Wins gold in the 100m and 200m events at the IPC Paralympic World Cup in Manchester.

2007
Runs a breakthrough 400m time of 46.56s in the South African Championships. Breaks the T43 100m world record in a time of 13.01s at the Nedbank Championships for the Physically Disabled, in Gauteng, South Africa.

2008
Wins T44 100m, 200m and 400m Paralympic golds in Beijing, setting a new Paralympic record of 47.49s in the 400m.

2010
Competes in the London Nova Grand Prix, setting a new 400m T44 world record of 47.04s in the Paralympic race, before finishing seventh in the able-bodied event.

2011
Wins gold medals in the 200m, 400m and 4x400m relay at the IPC Athletics World Championships in New Zealand, but quits the short medal as he loses his first 100m in seven years to Jerome Singleton.

2012
Becomes the world's first double amputee to qualify and compete at both the London Olympic and Paralympic Games.

More and more celebrities getting into the active health lifestyle

Celebrities sighted at Run United 2

ELITE athletes-runners, cyclists and triathletes—are not the only ones hopping on the healthy and active lifestyle bandwagon. Celebrities-actors, actresses, TV personalities and others in the entertainment industry—are often spotted in participants in race and marathons.

Unilab Active Health's year-round events—Run United, Active Health Duathlon, Bike United and Tri United—are a magnet for both elite athletes and celebrities.

Bubbly Inc.'s president Bin Inda Cruz, who is a celebrity himself, is pleased and surprised that more and more celebrities are joining races. He thanks all the celebrities who participated and still continue to participate in upcoming events, as a result, Dita Cruz has many celebrity clients, too.

At the recently concluded Run United 2 held on Father's Day (June 17), many celebrities were seen sighted led by Sinner Jericho Rosales—undercover Carmina Villaroel with husband Zoren Legaspi and twin kids Shaye and Cassy in tow. The Legaspi family ran in the 5km category.

Right after the run, Carmina posted on her Twitter account: "Weekend bonding w ang lk. Hard time. Thank you Kneeviva for this experience."

The Legaspi family greatly posed with participants and also helped race organizers Unilab Active Health and Run Rio in giving out medals and trophies to the winners during the awarding ceremony.

Meanwhile, popular showbiz couple Aubrey Miles and Troy Montero ran in the 5km category. Troy finished first and waited for Aubrey at one of the runs. "It felt good to get back to running. I used to run a lot in the US, but this is the first official run I've joined in a long time. I'm excited to join again.

Triathletes and runner Tessa Prieto-Valdez took on the 10km category. She won't be missed running the flowing of runners as the race-wearing her trademark colorful tutu getup. She also obliged the runners who wanted a photo-op with her. She said she had a happy run, too.

The other celebrities who attended the pacesetter at Run United 2 were: Miriam Quiambao, Fernando Prieto, Ana Feo, Isabelle Daza, Jacqueline Tu and Rovilson Fernandez. Pops Fernandez singers Sudan Almallo, Gretchen Fullido and Jessica Reed did not run, saying they gave an energizing performance at a social event after the race.

Bubbly Inc. was in fact surprised to see the crowd: "This is my first time to do this, to sing at a morning event and I didn't expect so many people to be here. Ang okay, nakaka-inspire! (There are so many runners here!)"

The Tri United series organized by Unilab Active Health and Bike Kings is also a highly anticipated event by elite triathletes and celebrities. The recent Tri United 2 event which was held at Plaza Lapu-Lapu in San Juan, Batangas, drew more than 600 participants.

THE SWEETEST: Carmina Villaroel and Zoren Legaspi, together with their children Cassy and Shaye completed their first 5km run during the recording of Run United. They personally awarded some of the winners, much to the audience's delight.

OPEN: the athlete, Kapuso TV host Dena Arellano was part of "Run Unilab who participated in Tri United 2 held at the scenic Playa Lapu in San Juan, Batangas. Dena has been into triathlon since 2004 and has actively participated in sport while maintaining his passion in the entertainment industry. Tri United is organized by Unilab Active Health in partnership with Bad Cannie of Bike King. For its succeeding dates see, about 600 triathletes joined the 2-day event.

Tri United is sponsored by Alaxan FR, Enervon MULTIVIN Energy Drink, Lenfre, Bikeking, Desert Sweat, Timex General Clean Orbea, Runner's World, Men's Health, Women's Health, Weekend Warrior and Swiss-BikeRun.ph.

On Sept. 9, Unilab Active Health Duathlon will be held at Clark, Pampanga. For further details, please refer to Unilab Active Health's website and official Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/Unilabactivelifestyle.

THE MEN United Run United, From left, coach Rio Arlo Cruz, president of Runflo, Inc., Alex Pineda, head of Unilab Customer Health and Lenor Camilo, (sitting) sports events head of Unilab Active Health, pose with Cookie Preciosinda Kalwanes, Anika Prado.

FIT AND FAB celebrities, from left, Francine Prieto, Jacquie Tu are just some of the celebrities who had fun at Run United 2.

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ing. I like to take two weeks a year out of season and head away with close friends to a favourite place of mine where I cannot be reached and spend time just fishing. It is expensive, but for me it's worth it."

At 25, Pistorius is not about to ease off on his punishing training schedule any time soon. He has long been in pursuit of his Olympic dream and would like to defend his 400-meter title in London 2012 and then go for gold in Rio de Janeiro in 2016.

"If I remain free of serious injury, I plan to compete in Rio in 2016, possibly then back in London at the World Champs in 2017. I should be at my peak then but, for now, I am just trying to do my best in every race that I run.

"Off the track, I also want to do what I can to help kids with disabilities, and we are working on some plans to develop at the moment. I am also involved in leadership projects and help to provide prosthetics for people who have been affected by landmines in Mozambique."

Pistorius is excited by the unification of the world's greatest sporting event. However it pans out for him, he will remain a hugely admired sporting personality and highly inspirational runner who stood his ground while battling life's adversities. Losing his lower legs as a toddler. Losing his fiancée to a shooting. Losing his fifth relay in two US 4x 400m championships. A close finish with Oscar at 32. Being banned from all able-bodied competitions. Fighting hard the powers that be to reverse that decision. But all these hurdles did not diminish Pistorius' resolve to be the fastest man on earth. His tattoo on his back pretty much sums up his personal credo: "Life's not run like a marathon, it's a sprint, mistakenly". Oscar Pistorius has a determination and it's called Greatness.

RECEIVING the Laureus World Sports Awards 2010 for Sportsperson with Disability

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Halfway there: A runner's 21-kilometer high

By Kenneth M. del Rosario

TO RUN is to find silence.

Some six months ago, when I got back into serious running, it was just a distant dream to even think of joining a 21-kilometer race. After all, aside from a single 10-kilometer run last March, I've never really progressed beyond the 10k (10 kilometer) mark.

So it was a personal accomplishment when I did finish the 21-k (21 kilometer) category race during the Brooks Run Happy 2 race in Bonifacio Global City last June. As expected, that night, I turned out self-subsumed legs that have been subjected to more than a few hours of sun that day.

But like every other runner who has completed this kind of long-distance running would know, crossing the finish line makes all the soreness (during and after) worth it. I welcomed the pain (from my body being subjected to stress it isn't normally accustomed to)—even flaunted it a little—like a warrior wearing proud his battle scars.

My official time was 2 hours and 21 minutes. It's not at all remotely close to breaking any world record, but that was never the point. It's good enough to count as finishing the race—and finish it. I thankfully did.

I don't know enough to write how proud I am of myself (and everybody else who finished their respective races), having achieved this personal running milestone. Running does make me feel strong, blessed, gifted.

But like a popular sports apparel brand would always say, "There is no finish line."

A little more than a month after that first 21-k run, I joined another one. This time, it was the Get Fit run organized by Hypersports, which brought runners from the Quirino Grandstand to the SM Mall of Asia and back.

It's interesting how my mindset running has to the second 21-k run changed so quickly. For starters, while I was nervous of that first 21-k run and unsure whether I'd be able to finish it, I was more confident about my ability the second time around, trusting my feet and my will to carry me through the finish line.

Interestingly, I finished six minutes longer during my second 21-k run (2 hours and 27 minutes) compared to that first. I was trying to pace my run, project. Apparently, I was pacing too slow.

But that's all right because what I learned so far about running in these kinds of distances is that energy management is key. While it is second to incorporate some walking during the run, it is more important to have stations to drink and for basic hing.

I've also realized that it is essential for a runner to not only enjoy the run, to not get too caught up with breaking previous personal record times (although that would be cool, too), after all, if you train properly before the long-distance run, you're bound to get a good run.

For now, the plan is to just enjoy having athletes do at least one 21-kilometer race a month (and collect as many finisher's medals as I can), even though my running buddies (who finished better times than I do) already plan to join their first ever half-marathon (42.2-kilometer) race.

While I'm happy that they are ready to take it to the next level, I can take up my own time in this category. What's the rush, anyway? I have to the future. I'll be able to complete a half-marathon myself, but until then I look forward to my next half-marathon.

RACE SCHEDULE

August 2012

August 4 IRONMAN 70.3, Cebu
A Better Run for the Veterans
1/3/5/10K, Alabang

August 5 3rd Intergenyous Run by the Hispanic 3/5K, Manila, Tattoo Philippines 2012, Marikina

August 11 Salun-at Run for a Cause
3/5/10/21K, Noceda Norte, Puerto Princesa, Manila

August 12 Manila Zoo Walk-Camp and Run 2012 3/10K Layla: Pick UP the Pace-DOE 75th Anniversary Fun Run, UP-ysaurus, Regent Fun Run 2012 100m/3/5/10/16K, Bonifacio Global City, San Antonio Fit, Fun and Run 2012 3/5K, Leyte

August 18 Mayon Trail Run Extreme 2012, Albay, Legazpi

August 19 Milo Marathon 2012 Naga
3/5/10/21K, Carnival

August 19 UP 7th University Run 3, Global Challenge 3/5/10/25K, Cebu, Kagay-an Festival Marathon 3/5/10/21.1KM, Cagayan de Oro, 10th Falcon Run CC, The Rasleonian 7K, Laguna, Cuban Cielo Kadayawan Half Marathon, Davao

August 25 Mizuno Tarmu Fun Run
3/5/10/21K, Clark

August 25 Tattoo Carbonunker—Run for a Cause 2012 3K, Manila

August 26 Run Caballero Run 2012
2.4/5/10/16K, Pampanga

August 26 Tri Tabiliz Fit n Fins
3/5/15K, UP

August 26 Kalookan RUN 2012
2.2/5/15K, UP

August 26 7-Eleven Run 1000
(7-11 Fun Run) 3/5/10/15/21K, Alabang

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